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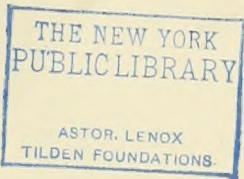
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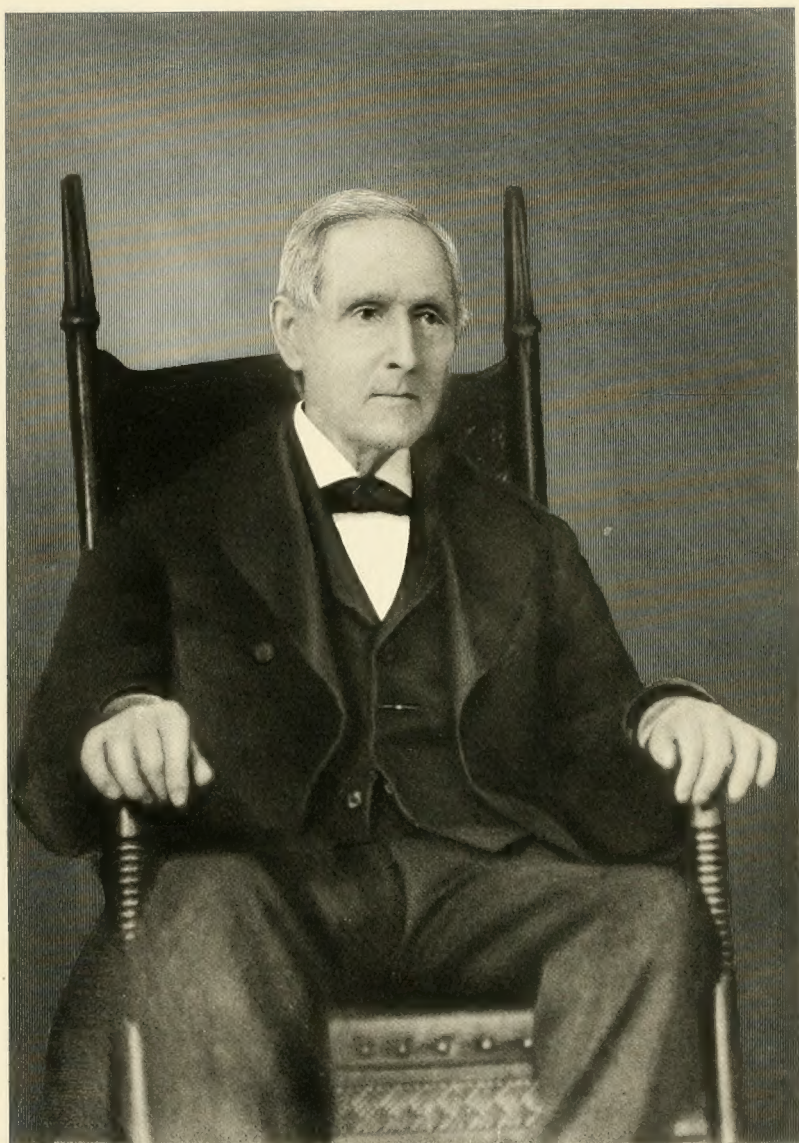
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GEORGE CHANDLER.

No history of this county would be complete without extended reference to George Chandler, for many years the owner of Spring Creek Farm on Lower Sandridge, and throughout the entire period a respected and honored citizen whose life remains as a beautiful memory to all with whom he came in contact. He was born in Fryeburg, Maine, February 1, 1810, and was a representative in the eighth generation of the descendants of William and Anna (Annis) Chandler, who settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1637. His parents were Joseph and Hannah (Farrington) Chandler, and he was the youngest son in a family of thirteen children. He was a direct descendant in the male line from the oldest son in seven successive generations of Chandlers, all residents of Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire, and represented in succeeding generations in the successive wars of the country, the French and Indian, the Colonial, and the Revolutionary wars.

George Chandler attended Phillips Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire, at a time when Daniel Webster was an instructor there. He left home in 1829 at the age of nineteen years and settled in Weathersfield, New York, where he remained for a decade, during which period he engaged in business as a carpenter and builder. In 1839 he purchased a horse and buggy and drove to Buffalo, New York, where he shipped his horse and buggy to Detroit. From that point he drove across the state of Michigan and through the Calumet swamps to Chicago, and thence continued his drive along the lake shore to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from which point he proceeded to Monroe, Green county, Wisconsin, where he spent the winter of 1839. He came to Burlington in 1840 and invested in town lots. He also industriously pursued his trade in the city and surrounding country, and not long afterward he purchased a farm, forming a part of his permanent residence. This was known as Spring Creek Farm on Lower Sandridge, five miles south of Burlington and bordering the Fort Madison road. Upon that farm he resided throughout his subsequent life, except a portion of his last years, which were spent in

the home of his daughter, Mrs. Swiler, then living in Delavan, Wisconsin.

Mr. Chandler was united in marriage to Matilda (Goddard) Sisloff, the widow of Joseph Sisloff, of Natchez, Mississippi. She was born in Carrollton, Kentucky, and was one of a family of ten sisters and one brother, a daughter of John Goddard. The death of Mr. Chandler occurred in Delavan, Wisconsin, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Swiler, May 6, 1895, but his remains were brought back to Des Moines county for interment in the Chandler cemetery on the home farm on Lower Sandridge. Mrs. Chandler passed away March 29, 1878. She was a member of the Spring Grove Methodist church, and Mr. Chandler was a Christian gentleman who gave to the church his generous support and strong assistance. Throughout his entire life he was an advocate of the democratic party but was loyal to Lincoln and his administration during the Civil war. He served for many years as assessor of Union township and was well acquainted with all of the residents of the township and nearly everyone in the county. In business he was known as a highly successful and substantial farmer of Des Moines county, and was also a prominent stock dealer and trader. Preceding and during the Civil war he was constantly engaged in buying and shipping immense droves of hogs and cattle to the Chicago market. The first house which he had upon his farm was a log cabin containing but three rooms. He afterward built an elegant country residence, and there the good old-time hospitality was ever extended to the many friends of the family. He spent practically all of his active life upon the farm and only gave up work upon that place when in advanced years he was persuaded to live with his daughter, Mrs. Swiler, in Wisconsin, passing away at her home when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-five years.

Mr. Chandler was widely known as Uncle George, a term expressive of his friendliness, his approachableness and his kindly spirit. He exerted a beneficent influence on all with whom he came in contact and his example is one well worthy of emulation, for his word was as good as his bond and his business reputation was above reproach. At the time of his retirement he had large landed interests, having purchased much of the land from the government. The old home farm is still in possession of the family and around it cluster many happy recollections of the old days. Mr. Chandler was a lover of music and played the violin. He took great interest in the old people of the county and was a regular attendant at the Des Moines and Lee counties' Old Settlers' picnics. He found his friends, how-

ever, not only among the people of his own age but among the young. For many years he was most popular with the young people of the community, for he remained young in spirit and entered heartily into the amusements and entertainments of the young, even in his advanced age. He was fond of company, and though his family was small, the house was always full. While he had no sons, he reared a number of young men who became useful and valuable citizens in the different communities in which they lived. Mr. Chandler was truly a gentleman of the old school, courteous, kindly, loving truth, honor and self-respect more than fame, wealth or position.

ED E. EGAN.

Ed E. Egan is the secretary and treasurer of the Commercial Exchange of Burlington, with offices in the Iowa State Savings Bank building. Splendidly qualified for the duties which devolve upon him, he has made an excellent record by reason of his progressive spirit and his high ideals, which find embodiment in practical effort for their adoption.

He was born in Pella, Marion county, Iowa, September 1, 1871, a son of Dr. W. C. and Cebe (Gardner) Egan. The former was born in Pennsylvania in 1846 and was reared in Chicago, to which city he had been taken during his infancy by his father, who died in 1878. W. C. Egan prepared for the practice of medicine and followed his profession in western Iowa very successfully for an extended period. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company L, First Michigan Light Artillery. He was always a public-spirited and progressive citizen and cooperated in many movements which were of material benefit to the communities in which he lived. He passed away in 1906 and his remains were interred in a cemetery at Atlantic, Iowa. His wife was born in Ohio in 1846, a daughter of Benjamin and Sophia (Joy) Gardner, who came to Iowa in 1858, crossing the Mississippi at Burlington, after which they took up their abode in Marion county. Mr. Gardner was born in New Jersey in 1821 and died in February, 1914, his remains being interred in a cemetery at Pella. His only child was Mrs. Cebe Egan, who is now living with the subject of this review.

Ed E. Egan acquired his early education in the schools of Atlantic, Iowa, and afterward attended Central University, a Baptist

college, at Pella, and Simpson College, a Methodist school, at Indianola, Iowa. He made his initial step in the business world in connection with newspaper work on the Atlantic Telegraph at Atlantic, Iowa, and in 1895 he purchased the Glenwood Opinion. In 1899, however, he returned to Atlantic and purchased the Telegraph, on which he had formerly been employed. He continued the publication of that paper until 1904, when in the month of June he came to Burlington and was connected with the Burlington Hawk-Eye until May, 1908, when he was called to the office of secretary and treasurer of the Commercial Exchange, in which capacity he has since continued, giving uniform satisfaction by the capable and efficient manner in which he discharges his duties. He displays much initiative and marked public spirit in this connection, and his work has been productive of excellent results.

In 1896 Mr. Egan was united in marriage to Miss Hattie M. Bousquet, of Pella, who was born in Ames, Iowa, a daughter of J. J. and Anna (Van der Linden) Bousquet, both of whom were natives of Holland, the former born in 1837 and the latter in 1844. The father came to America in the late '40s and settled in Iowa, being numbered among the Holland people who founded the town of Pella in 1846. They were religious refugees. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Bousquet responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company B of the Third Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Both he and his wife still reside in Pella. They have a son, Louis, who is also a resident of Pella, and a daughter, Agnes, who is with her parents. To Mr. and Mrs. Egan have been born four children: John, born in Glenwood, Iowa, September 29, 1896, and now a student in the Burlington high school; Geraldine, who was born in Atlantic, Iowa, October 23, 1901, and died in Burlington, February 25, 1906; Eugene W., born in Burlington, June 2, 1907; and Louis G., born in Burlington, January 31, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Egan are devoted members of the Congregational church and occupy a beautiful home at No. 714 North Seventh street. They are both popular and highly respected and Mr. Egan occupies a prominent position in business as well as social circles. By reason of his office he has had a good opportunity to advance the city's interests and has contributed much to its growth and prosperity. His newspaper experience gained him a knowledge of public needs, demands and opportunities, for the newspaper is both the mirror and the mold of public opinion. He thus came well qualified to his present position and his efforts in this connection have been attended with substantial results. His political allegiance is

given in stalwart manner to the republican party. He is well known as a prominent Mason, beonging to Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Iowa Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; and St. Omar Commandery, No. 15, K. T., and also the Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise a member of the Elks lodge, No. 84, of Burlington. It has been said of him that he is never too busy to be cordial nor too cordial to be busy, and the even balance of his life makes him a forceful factor in the world's work.

HERMAN A. MATHES.

Herman A. Mathes is conducting an extensive business as a manufacturer of soda and mineral waters and as agent at Burlington for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company. He was born February 22, 1860, in the city where he still resides, and is a son of C. Mathes, who was one of the early partners in the business which is still carried on by the subject of this review and who is now city treasurer. Herman A. Mathes was educated in the public schools to the age of thirteen years and then went to Germany—the native land of his ancestors. In that country he entered school, continuing his studies for three years, and at the age of sixteen he returned to the United States. He pursued a business course of a year in Burlington, after which he became city bookkeeper for the Merchants National Bank. He also spent seven years in the State National Bank of Burlington, and his experience in this connection proved invaluable. After leaving the banks he went into business with his father and later on became his successor. The business was established by the firm of Warth & Ostertag. Later the junior partner sold to C. Mathes, at which time the firm style of G. G. Warth & Company was assumed. This was in 1870. Four years later Adolph Mathes purchased the interest of Mr. Warth and the firm style was then changed to C. Mathes & Brother, under which name they operated until 1886, when Adolph Mathes retired and was succeeded by H. A. Mathes under the firm style of C. Mathes & Son. Business was thus continued in that connection until the withdrawal of the father, when H. A. Mathes took over the business, which he now conducts under his own name. He carries on a large business in Des Moines and surrounding counties and in Illinois, making delivery by electric truck and teams. He occupies a two-story building eighty by one hundred and seventeen feet and gives undivided attention to the enter-

prise, which from the beginning has grown steadily. He has now been identified therewith for more than a quarter of a century and is familiar with every phase of the trade.

Mr. Mathes has been married twice. He first wedded Nannie Heil, of Burlington, the marriage being celebrated in September, 1882. She passed away in 1884, leaving a son, William A. In 1888 Mr. Mathes married the sister of his first wife, Miss Ida Heil. They are well known socially in Burlington and have an extensive circle of warm friends. Mr. Mathes is a prominent and popular member of several fraternal and social organizations. He belongs to the Hawkeye Club, an organization of native sons; the Elks, the Eagles, the Shoquoquon Club, the Silver Lake, the Burlington Launch Club and the Carthage Lake Club, of which he is now the vice president. His political allegiance is given the democratic party, but he has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which he has met with gratifying success. He is fond of all outdoor sports and is very prominent in the club life of the town.

COLONEL GEORGE H. HIGBEE.

It is not the province of biography to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave a record establishing his position by the consensus of public opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Judged by this standard, Colonel George H. Higbee is one of the distinguished citizens of Burlington, not only by reason of the notable position to which he has attained in business, but also owing to his generosity, his benevolence and his public spirit. Another feature of his life record which is most commendable is that which covers his service as a soldier in the Civil war, and through days of peace he has displayed equal loyalty, doing much to forward the civilization that has brought Iowa to its present proud position among the states of the Union.

Colonel Higbee was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1836, a son of Dr. Charles H. and Caroline (Howell) Higbee. The father resided at Trenton, New Jersey, and it was in the schools of that city that Colonel Higbee pursued his education. In due time he entered Princeton, and is numbered among its alumni of 1854. He started in business life as a civil engineer for a railway company in New



Geo H. G. Bee



Jersey, but since the spring of 1855 has been identified with the middle west. He made his way by the river route to Muscatine, Iowa, where he arrived with a single coin in his pocket. He succeeded in inducing a hotelkeeper of that place to buy him a ticket to Cedar Rapids, where lived a friend of the family. At that place Colonel Higbee engaged in survey work and ultimately purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres about three and one-half miles from Cedar Rapids, but suffering from a sunstroke, he gave up the farm and returned to New Jersey, resuming his former position with the railroad company.

With the outbreak of the Civil war Colonel Higbee espoused the Union cause and during his service was twice brevetted for gallant and meritorious conduct. His military record, preserved at Washington, gives the following: "Entered military service of the United States, appointed and commissioned first lieutenant Eleventh United States Infantry May 14, 1861. Brevetted captain May 5, 1864, for 'gallant and meritorious services at the battle of the Wilderness, Virginia;' brevetted major March 13, 1865, for 'gallant and meritorious services before Petersburg on the Weldon Railroad, Virginia;' brevetted lieutenant-colonel March 13, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services before Petersburg and on the Weldon Railroad in Virginia. Promoted to captain Eleventh United States Infantry, February 19, 1866. Unassigned April 14, 1869. Assigned to Thirteenth United States Infantry July 14, 1869.

"Service—Engaged in the organization of the Eleventh Infantry at Fort Independence, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, until October, 1861. Ordered to Perrysville, Maryland, and on duty there until March, 1862. Joined Sykes' Regular Infantry Division at Washington, D. C., March, 1862, and moved to the Virginia peninsula. Siege of Yorktown, April 15-May 4. Attached to Second Brigade, Second Division, Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, May 18. Battle of Hanover Court House, May 7th. Seven days before Richmond, June 25-July 1. Battles of Mechanicsville, June 26th; Gaines' Mill, June 27th; White Oak Swamp and Turkey Bend, June 30th. Malvern Hill, July 1st. At Harrison's Landing until August 16th. Movement to Fortress Monroe, thence to Centerville, August 12-28. Battles of Groveton, August 9th, and second Bull Run, August 30th. Maryland campaign, September 6-22. Battle of Antietam, Maryland, September 16-17. Shepardstown Ford, September 19-20. At Sharpsburg to October 29th. Movement to Falmouth, Virginia, October 29-November 17. Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 12-15. 'Mid-March,' January 20-25. At Falmouth,

Virginia, until April 27th. Chancellorsville campaign, April 27-May 6. Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1-5. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, campaign, June 13-August 1. Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3. Pursuit of Lee to Manassas Gap, Virginia, July 5-23. At Warrenton, Beverly Ford and Culpeper till October. Bristoe campaign, October 9-22. Bristoe Station, October 14th. Rappahannock Station, November 7th. Mine Run campaign, November 26-December 2. Moved to Alexandria, Virginia, on duty there till May 1, 1864. Served detached as aide-de-camp on staffs of General George Sykes, commanding division, and General G. K. Warren, commanding Fifth Army Corps from May to October, 1864. Participated in the Rapidan campaign, May 3-June 15. Battles of the Wilderness, May 5-7; Spottsylvania, May 8-12; Laurel Hill, May 8th; Spottsylvania Court House, May 12-21. Assault on the Salient at Spottsylvania Court House, May 12. North Anna River, May 23-27. Tolopotomoy, May 28-31; Cold Harbor, June 1-12; Bethesda Church, June 1-3. Before Petersburg, June 16-19. Siege of Petersburg, June 16th to November. Weldon Railroad, June 21-23. Six-Mile House, Weldon Railroad, August 18-21. Poplar Springs Church, Peebles' Farm, September 29-October 2. Hatcher's Run, October 27-28. Duty in Department of the East and in Middle Department till May, 1865. Rejoined regiment at Richmond, Virginia, and on duty there until 1869. While there was detached from regiment and placed in charge of city of Richmond and two counties for reconstruction purposes, remaining on duty three years and a half under Generals Schofield, Stoneman and Canby. On frontier duty in Montana, 1869-1870. Honorably discharged at own request, December 13, 1870."

Colonel Higbee was next ordered to rejoin his regiment, and with the Sixteenth Infantry was afterward on active duty. He organized a command for Indian service, being at the head of a company of seventy men, which was ordered to exterminate a mountain chief's band in Montana. While he was in the northwest, congress passed a law that any officer could go on "waiting orders" and draw a year's pay. Colonel Higbee took advantage of this, and Iowa thus regained a citizen whose value and worth to the community can scarcely be overestimated. Major-General Warren, commanding the Fifth Corps, in a letter to the adjutant-general, said of Colonel Higbee: "To reward the services of this officer adequately would exhaust all the grades of rank in the army."

Arriving in Burlington in June, 1870, Colonel Higbee soon afterward purchased an interest in the Murray Iron Works, and until suc-

ceeded by his son was president of the company, controlling that mammoth industry. He found the concern in a badly crippled financial condition but arranged for capital and credit and secured the patronage of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Since that time the railroad has purchased practically all of its iron castings here, and under the guidance and direction of Colonel Higbee the business has continuously grown and developed. The Murray Iron Works are makers of Corliss steam engines and boilers, and they stand today as one of Iowa's great industrial establishments and one of the largest enterprises of the kind in the west. The plant was put in operation in about 1866 and incorporated in 1870, and has been continuously in operation since that time. There have been no financial embarrassments or reorganizations, only one fire of any consequence, and no labor troubles of any moment. Originally the plant consisted of an iron and brass foundry, to which was afterward added a machine shop, later a boiler shop, and still later an exclusive engine works. During the last fifteen years all of these shops have been rebuilt and additions and improvements are continually being made, each shop being equipped with the latest machinery to facilitate the work. In addition to manufacturing Corliss engines, air compressors, pumping engines, tubular, water-tube and internal furnace boilers and feed-water heaters, an extensive foundry and general machine shop business is conducted. Their trade covers a world-wide territory, their engines being sold in China as well as in European countries and in South America. Foreign trade, however, is not the largest part of their business, for the Murray Corliss engines and boilers are in use in every state of the Union, with one exception. Iowa itself furnishes a splendid market for the output. For an extended period the Murray Company followed a direct selling plan, but in recent years salesmen have been sent out on the road. They issue a large and splendidly illustrated catalog, however, and their mail order business is extensive.

In a history of Iowa factories it has been said: "Special service and unusual attention to changing conditions and requirements in power and power transmission have always been the policy of this company. They have designed new engines and altered old designs to obtain the greater speed, greater strain, etc., required by the new ideas of power efficiency and transmission, always keeping their engines abreast with the times. This policy at first glance may not attract special attention, but an investigation develops that a small change in the type of an engine means entirely new specifications, new patterns, new flasks and foundry rigging and serious changes in

the routine of the machine shop; then it is that the idea begins to take on large proportions and means an expenditure of thousands of dollars.

"The continued success and growing reputation of this Iowa company is largely due to the thorough manner of manufacture. Each casting, each bearing and every detail has been studied and experimented with and tested so thoroughly that when a Murray engine is installed it is a foregone conclusion that it will do the work it is designed to do and in every way give complete satisfaction. The greater part of an engine is composed of cast iron, and on the strength or weakness of these castings its durability depends. Most machine shops either buy their castings outside, or, if they possess a foundry, regard it as a mere adjunct to the machine works—a necessary evil—and give it but scant attention. Poor work is the inevitable consequence. This company, on the contrary, has for forty years operated the largest foundry in the west, and makes it an important part of its business. Its experience, therefore, is great; it has no difficulty in producing the finest possible castings for its Corliss engines. Another interesting feature about the material used in Murray engines is that the steel used for parts that meet with extreme wear is so hard that no machine tool is made which will cut it. These parts are machined to size by a grinding lathe, using an emery wheel for the tool, a method that distinguishes this company. A high grade of material is used in all Murray products; careful and thorough methods of manufacture are in vogue throughout the entire plant. Every bolt, every casting and the smallest and most unimportant parts of the engines and boilers are made of metals selected carefully for strength and durability and accurately machined in shops equipped for the purpose."

Besides being the directing head of this constantly increasing business, Colonel Higbee has been the president of the Gas & Electric Company for the past twenty-one years, a company which also owns the street car lines of Burlington. He is likewise president of the Burlington Savings Bank, which position he has occupied for an extended period. He remained at the head of the Murray Iron Works as president until he was succeeded by his son, George G. Higbee. He is now seventy-eight years of age and has practically retired from active business management.

Colonel Higbee was married in 1876 to Miss Frances Nealley, of Burlington, and they became the parents of three sons and a daughter. Two of the sons have passed away, while the surviving son is George G., who is now president of the Murray Iron Works.

In his political views Colonel Higbee has long been a stalwart republican, and he is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and the Masonic fraternity. No man in Burlington has done more for the city or been more loyal to its best interests. At a cost of sixty thousand dollars he built the Young Men's Christian Association building and presented it to Burlington as a memorial to his deceased sons, John Ames and Howell Nealley. It is situated on North Fourth street and is a beautiful structure. The corner-stone was laid with fitting ceremonies and in the handsome block of granite were placed photographs of Colonel and Mrs. Higbee and their deceased sons, in whose memory the building was erected. Colonel Higbee is an active Spiritualist and counts as personal friends many of the world's leading figures. His book, "Enfranchisement," contains Three Birthday Addresses by Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel George H. Higbee. With the growing west as his theater he has played well his part in life and has come to occupy a leading position on the stage of action. Burlington has long numbered him among its foremost men and most honored citizens— a position which has not been won by his wealth, but through the worth of his character; through his observance of the highest standards of life; through his contribution to the work of public progress.

CLAY MILTON WAITE.

Clay Milton Waite is the business manager and part owner of the Burlington Hawk-Eye, with which paper he has been identified for more than a quarter of a century. He was born in Burlington, October 9, 1866, a son of John Leman and Letitia C. (Williams) Waite. The public schools afforded him his early educational opportunities and later he attended Elliott's Business College. He afterward taught bookkeeping and had charge of the business exchange in the business college for one year. He made his initial step in the business world as bill clerk for the Drake Hardware Company and afterward accepted a clerkship in the Burlington postoffice, where he remained for four years. He then came to the Burlington Hawk-Eye as bookkeeper in 1888 and advancement in recognition of his ability made him assistant business manager. In 1904 he became business manager and has since controlled the commercial interests of the paper, of which he became a part owner in 1908.

On the 9th of March, 1892, at Burlington, Iowa, Mr. Waite was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Southwell, a daughter of Calvin Bradley and Lydia Southwell. Mrs. Waite is very active in both church and club work, oftentimes taking a position of leadership in those connections. Both Mr. and Mrs. Waite are Methodists in religious faith and he is a member of the official board of the church. For fifteen years he was a member of the Burlington Boating Association until it disbanded and at the present writing he has membership with the Golf Club, which indicates something of the nature of his recreation. In politics he has been a lifelong republican, never swerving from the standards of the party. His position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one and his indorsement of a measure is a strong influence in its support.

THEODORE SCHINZEL.

There is no biography in this history which is more truly that of the self-made man than that of Theodore Schinzel, the vice president of the Schramm & Schmieg Dry Goods Company. Starting out in early boyhood in a most humble capacity, he soon recognized the fact that industry and perseverance are indispensable elements of advancement and success, and his life has been the embodiment of those qualities, which have brought him eventually to his present position of prominence in the commercial circles of Burlington.

Mr. Schinzel was born in Austria, December 4, 1874, and is a son of Theodore and Helen Schinzel, who remained residents of their native country until 1879, when they made the voyage across the Atlantic to New York, remaining in that city until the following year, when they came to Burlington. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade and became an active factor in industrial circles here, but death called him in 1884. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Burlington. They were the parents of four children: Amelia, now the wife of U. J. Johnson, a resident of Galesburg, Illinois; Josephine, the wife of Frank Skeva, living in West Burlington; Theodore, of this review; and Edward H., who is now a traveling salesman for the Schramm & Schmieg Dry Goods Company and resides in Burlington.

Theodore Schinzel was a little lad of less than six years when the family came to Burlington. Here he began his education in the public schools, but his opportunities in that direction were some-

what limited, for at the age of thirteen years he started out to earn his own living, his father having died in the meantime, leaving the family in somewhat straitened financial circumstances. He has ever been a close student in the school of experience, however, and is today prominent among the broad-minded, capable, resourceful business men of the city. He was first employed by the firm of Miles White & Company, with whom he remained until he reached the age of sixteen. He then entered the service of Schramm & Schmieg as stockman and, gradually advancing, came to have an interest in the business, and for many years has been one of the directors. On the 2d of April, 1912, he was elected to the vice presidency of the company, which controls one of the chief mercantile enterprises not only of the state but of the upper Mississippi valley. At the outset of his career he made it his purpose to thoroughly master every task assigned him and he lost no opportunity to thoroughly acquaint himself with the different phases of the business. He studied not only the stock, but the methods of the house and through the exercise of effort increased and heightened his efficiency so that he was called again and again to positions of greater responsibility.

On the 17th of August, 1903, Mr. Schinzel was married to Miss Ida M. Wolf, of Burlington, a daughter of Robert and Anna Wolf, the former a furniture manufacturer. They have become parents of two children, Theodore Robert and Camilla. The parents are members of St. Paul's Catholic church and Mr. Schinzel gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. Practically his entire life has been passed in Burlington, where he has become widely and favorably known. Ability commands respect and confidence everywhere, and in this connection Mr. Schinzel has made for himself a most creditable and honorable position in the business circles of the city.

SAMUEL P. GILBERT.

Samuel P. Gilbert, as secretary and treasurer of the Gilbert-Hedge Lumber Company, figures prominently in the conduct of a business which has contributed to the reputation of Burlington as one of the centers of the lumber trade of the Mississippi valley. He was born November 25, 1863, in the city which is still his home, a son of John Webster Gilbert, who for many years was a most forceful factor in Burlington's development, ever regarded as one of its lead-

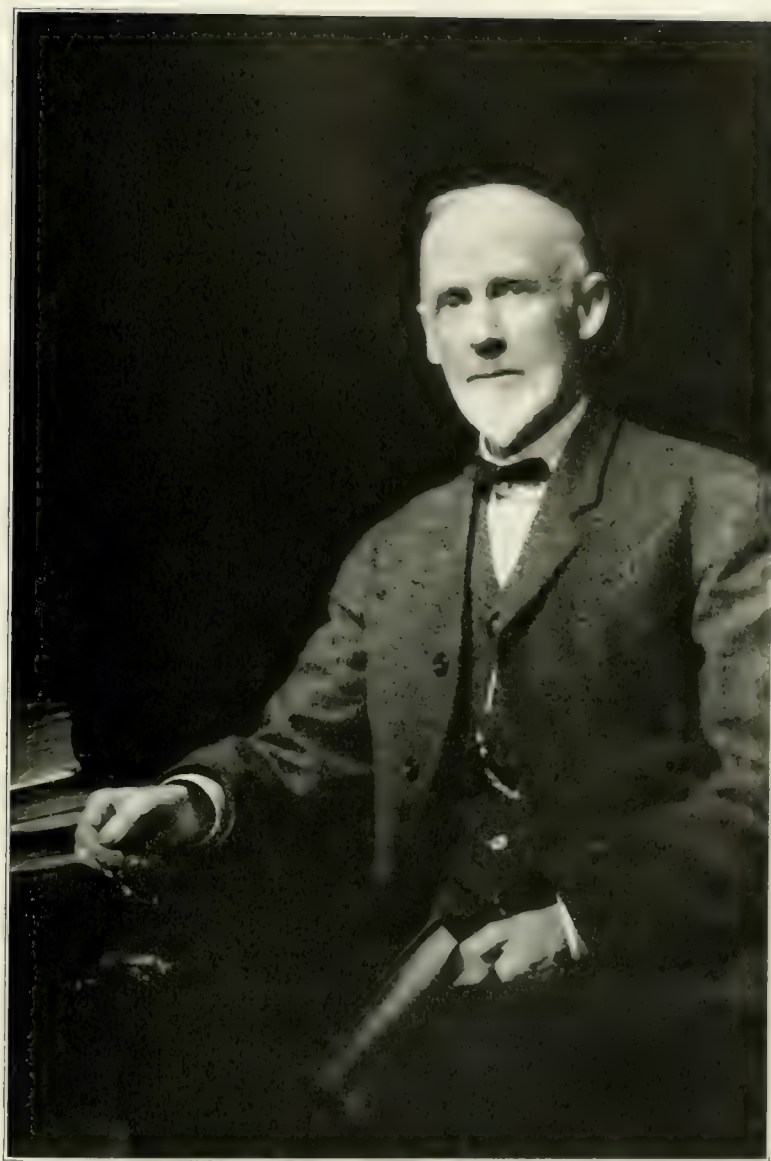
ing citizens and a man whom to know was to respect and honor. As his father advanced in years Samuel P. Gilbert relieved him more and more of the care and responsibility of his business affairs and is now the representative of the Gilbert interests in the lumber company organized by the father almost two-thirds of a century ago. The business was incorporated in 1900 and since that time Samuel P. Gilbert has been secretary and treasurer. He likewise became his father's successor in the German-American Bank and is still one of its officers.

On the 30th of October, 1891, occurred the marriage of Mr. Gilbert and Miss Winifred Lewis, of Iowa City, and they are the parents of two daughters and one son, Ruth P., Harriet H. and James I. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are members of the Congregational church and they have a wide and favorable acquaintance in Burlington, where the former has spent his entire life and where he has so directed his energies as to gain a place among the representative business men.

JOHN L. WAITE.

The name of John L. Waite has figured conspicuously and honorably in connection with the history of journalism in Iowa. He is today one of the veteran editors of the state, and who can measure the influence that he has exerted through his editorial writings and his championship of many measures and projects which he has believed to be for the benefit of the commonwealth? He was born in Ravenna, Ohio, August 29, 1840.

The ancestry of the family is traced back to England, and the name seems to be of English lineage. A contemporary biographer has written the family history as follows: "The word 'Wait,' anciently spelled Wayghte, Waiet, Wayte, and with other variations, is derived from the Old High German Wachten (to keep watch), and, in the sense of guard or watchman, is common to all the Teutonic languages. The original Waytes were found in England, immediately after the Norman Conquest, only among the retainers of the king, princes and great barons; and among their other functions was that of music and minstrelsy. The name frequently occurs in the British records. In A. D. 1075, William the Conqueror gave the earldom, city and castle of Norwich, in England, to 'Ralf de Waiet,' who married Emma, sister of Roger, Earl of Hereford,



JOHN L. WAITE

cousin of the Conqueror. The earliest record found, and the source from whence all by the same name seem to trace their origin, was Ralf de Walet. There is no question among genealogical gleaners but that Ricardus Le Wayte, of County Warwick, who was in 1315 escheator of counties Berkshire, Wilts, Oxford, Bedford and Bucks, was a lineal descendant of Ralf. Thereafter the name was written Wayte almost exclusively until others of the name came to New England, when that was discarded and Wait, or Waite, used instead. The Wayte families were pretty well distributed over the central portion of Southern England, extending thence to Northern Wales, and from there some of them migrated to New England. Among these were three brothers: Richard, the eldest, born in 1596; Gamaliel, in 1598; and Thomas, in 1601. They were cousins of Thomas Wayte, who was a member of parliament, and one of the judges who signed the warrant in 1649 for the execution of Charles the First. The late Morrison Remick Waite, chief justice of the United States, traced his lineage to Thomas Wayte, the Regicide. Colonel John Wait, the fifth justice of the supreme court of Rhode Island, was a great-grandson of Thomas. The three brothers arrived in Boston in 1634. Richard, who became marshal of the colony, and Gamaliel remained in Boston. Thomas settled in Rhode Island. The third son of the latter was Sergeant Benjamin Wait (1644-1704), a soldier and scout, who lived at Hadley in 1665, at Hatfield in 1668, in western Massachusetts. He was engaged in various Indian wars, and was slain in the battle between the colonists and the French and Indians at Deerfield in 1704. The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Marshall Field's Genealogy of the Field Family of Conway, Craft's History of Whately, and numerous local records, tell of the exploits and heroism of this intrepid Indian fighter. One of the most interesting of his experiences, recounted in prose and verse, is the story of the Indian attack upon Hatfield, September 19, 1677, the capture of Benjamin Wait's wife and children by the Indians, who took them to Canada, his long and determined pursuit, and final recovery of them. The mother gave birth to a daughter while in captivity who was named 'Canada,' and one of whose descendants founded Smith College, at Northampton, Massachusetts. Several generations of the family remained at Hatfield, Whately and vicinity, various members serving in the colonial wars and the War of the Revolution. Each of the descendants of Benjamin, in the line of this local sketch, bore the name of 'John' in succession. John, born at Hatfield, Massachusetts, 1680, died there in 1744. He, like his father, was a sergeant and commander in many

excursions, and was in the fight with the French and Indians at Deerfield when his father was slain. John, born at Whately, Massachusetts, 1703, died there in 1776. John, born in 1743, served in the War of the Revolution, and died at Norwich, New York, in 1801. John, born at Whately in 1777, lived at Norwich and Oaks Corners, New York, and Chesterfield, Michigan, and died at the home of his son at Ravenna, Ohio, November 5, 1863. He served in the War of 1812. He married Abigail Cranson, who was born May 7, 1781, and died at Chesterfield, February 11, 1854."

John Waite, of the seventh generation, was born at Oaks Corners, New York, where he followed farming and afterward learned the cooper's trade. He removed to Ravenna, Ohio, and on the 9th of April 1835, wedded Martha Amelia Clark, daughter of Ephraim and Ala Amelia (Sperry) Clark, who were among the early immigrants from Connecticut to the Western Reserve. Mr. Waite afterward engaged in the marble business and took contracts for the construction of railway water tanks. In 1867 he removed to Burlington, Iowa, and became senior member of the grocery firm of Waite, Trenor & Company, while later he conducted a commission business under the firm style of Waite & Leebrick. He afterward turned his attention to farming in Flint River township and there resided until his death, which occurred while he was visiting a daughter in Peru, Kansas, June 11, 1894. He was a Methodist in religious faith, a republican in his political belief, and his influence and aid were always on the side of progress, reform and improvement.

His son, John Leman Waite, began his education in the public schools of Ravenna and afterward attended a private academy and a commercial school in Chicago. He made his initial step in the business world in connection with telegraphy, serving as operator at Lebanon and Cleveland, Ohio; in Chicago, Illinois, and in Burlington, Iowa, advancing in that connection until he was made superintendent of the Burlington & Missouri River telegraph line in 1863. In 1869 he became connected with newspaper publication as city editor and market reporter on the Hawk-Eye, then owned and published by the firm of Edwards & Beardsley. He afterward devoted three years to the development of the A. T. Hay electrical and metallurgical discoveries and inventions, but in 1874 again entered upon active connection with the Hawk-Eye as associate editor under Frank Hatton, who had purchased the paper. Mr. Waite became managing editor as the successor of Robert J. Burdette, who in 1876 resigned to enter the lecture field. Mr. Waite continued in that connection until 1882, when he resigned, having been appointed post-

master of Burlington by President Arthur. He filled that position for four years and on the 27th of July, 1885, assumed the management of the Hawk-Eye as editor and publisher. He was again called to the position of postmaster through appointment of President McKinley in 1898 and served two subsequent terms through appointment by President Roosevelt in 1902 and 1906.

On the 21st of September, 1864, Mr. Waite was united in marriage to Miss Letitia Caroline Williams, who was born in Burlington and is the editor of the woman's department of the Hawk-Eye and the author of a booklet on religious topics called "By the Thorn Road." The family numbers a son and two daughters: Clay Milton, business manager of the Hawk-Eye, who married Miss Ida May Southwell on the 9th of March, 1892; Jessie Benning, who on the 15th of April, 1902, became the wife of William Henry Davidson, managing editor of the Hawk-Eye, by whom she has two children, Barbara Waite and William Waite; and Lola, who completes the family.

Mr. Waite has always been a stalwart advocate of the republican party and his efforts have been an effective force in shaping its policy and guiding its interests in this state. His editorials have placed him among the well known and distinguished journalists of the middle west, maintaining the high standard which has ever been synonymous with the name of the Burlington Hawk-Eye. He and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and their activity along church and philanthropic lines has been far-reaching and resultant.

HON. LA MONTE COWLES.

- In different positions of honor and trust La Monte Cowles has demonstrated his loyalty to the best interests of city, county, state and nation and at the present writing is serving as a member of the Iowa senate. He has long been an influential factor in the ranks of the republican party in Des Moines county and of the state, and in the solution of intricate government problems and the directing of political situations he displays that keen analytical power which has made him so successful as a member of the bar. His birth occurred in Oskaloosa, Iowa, September 30, 1859, and he is descended from one of the old American families that has been represented on this continent since 1636. Many of his ancestors served with valor in the

Revolutionary war. His father was the Rev. W. F. Cowles, a Methodist Episcopal minister who for a half century was active in the work of the church. He also served as revenue collector for the fourth district of Iowa under President Lincoln, being twice appointed to that position, and the papers bearing the signature of Abraham Lincoln are now in possession of the subject of this review. In the later years of his life the Rev. W. F. Cowles retired from the active work of the ministry and spent his last days in Burlington, where he passed away July 16, 1899. He wedded Maria Elizabeth La Monte, who belonged to one of the old colonial families.

La Monte Cowles is indebted to the public-school system of Iowa for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed in early life. His course, however, was not pursued in a single town, owing to the itinerant custom of the Methodist ministry, which led to the frequent removal of the family from place to place. At a later date he became a pupil in the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, completing his course there with the class of 1879, at which time the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon him. Still later his alma mater gave him his honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Following his graduation Mr. Cowles went to the west, spending four years as a civil engineer in the employ of the Union Pacific and the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Companies, locating and constructing their lines in Colorado, Idaho, Kansas and other western states. His desire, however, was to become a member of the bar and in preparation for practice he began studying in the office and under the direction of Judge Power, of Burlington, who directed his reading for three years, within which time he gained comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, so that he was able to pass the required examination for admission to the bar. Beginning practice, he formed a partnership with C. B. Jack, who eighteen months later removed to Salt Lake City, Utah. Since that time Mr. Cowles has been alone in general practice and has been accorded an extensive clientage. In this connection a contemporary biographer said: "Absolute fidelity to the interests of his clients, a wonderful capacity for hard work, and systematic preparation of all cases entrusted to his care, have been some of the noteworthy factors in the achievement of his success. It is long since he has had much leisure, and it is fortunate for him that he can find genuine enjoyment, as he does, in the line of endeavor which he has chosen as his special work. Early in life he learned the hard but necessary lesson that 'nothing of value can be gained without its equivalent,' and therefore when he entered upon the practice of law he

brought to bear all of the talents with which nature had liberally endowed him, industry and perseverance being among these." In addition to his professional service in behalf of many private individuals, Mr. Cowles is general solicitor for the German-American Life Insurance Company of Burlington and is attorney for the General Agency Company of Burlington and many of the large business corporations of the city. Moreover, he has various business connections and investments which are bringing to him substantial return, and a number of these figure prominently in the commercial development of the city.

On the 15th of September, 1886, Mr. Cowles was married to Miss Hattie E. Kane, but on the 11th of November, 1889, was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on that date, leaving a little daughter, Ethel M. It was not until the 24th of November, 1898, that he was married again, at which time Miss Ida M. Miller, of Burlington, became his wife. The following year he erected a pleasant and commodious residence at No. 810 North Fifth street. Mr. and Mrs. Cowles occupy an enviable position in social circles, the hospitality of the best homes of the city being cordially extended them. Mr. Cowles is identified with several fraternal organizations, including the Masons, the United Workmen, the Woodmen of the World and the Elks.

Aside from his profession Mr. Cowles is perhaps best known as one of the leading republicans of the first district of Iowa and has had much to do with shaping the policy and directing the course of his party in the state. His opinions carry weight in its councils and on one occasion there appeared in a leading newspaper of Iowa the following: "La Monte Cowles, chairman of the first district republican committee, finds deep satisfaction in the results at the polls. He had made it his personal endeavor to conduct an effective campaign under conditions which largely eliminated public meetings, street parades and brass bands. The usual concomitants of a presidential campaign were not in vogue this year. Here, as elsewhere in the United States, the chief reliance of both parties was in organization, leaving political discussion chiefly to the press. Mr. Cowles quietly, but sedulously, conducted the campaign along less spectacular lines, and he has the gratification of seeing Mr. Hedge reelected by nearly five thousand plurality, the largest ever given a candidate in this district." He has been chairman of both the city and county central committees, was chairman of the congressional committee of the first district for ten years and was for four years a member of the state central committee, and during campaigns has

been frequently heard in the discussion of the foremost questions and issues of the day. His opinions are always sound and logical and are clearly and tersely presented.

For two years Mr. Cowles was city attorney of Burlington and after his retirement from that position served as referee in bankruptcy for six years. In 1904 he was again elected city attorney and remained in the office for two years. In 1910 he was made his party's nominee for the senate and conducted the campaign so capably that the people came to know his position upon vital public questions and felt that his service in the senate would be of value and benefit to them. Accordingly he received a majority at the polls and is now sitting in the upper house, of which he will be a member until 1915. As lawyer and lawmaker he deserves mention among the representative residents of the state and in all of his public service he has been actuated by a fidelity to public good that has caused him to subordinate personal aggrandizement and partisanship to the general welfare.

W. O. KAISER.

W. O. Kaiser is proprietor of a drug store at No. 1110 North Eighth street, and a spirit of enterprise and advancement actuates him in the conduct of his business affairs. He was born near Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, August 5, 1863, a son of David and Rebecca J. (Mellen) Kaiser. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and died in the year 1905. The mother was born in Rhode Island and departed this life in 1906, the remains of both being interred at Newton, Iowa. They had a family of five children: Belle; Emma; Retta; W. O., of this review; and Carrie.

W. O. Kaiser acquired his early education in the public schools of Newton, Iowa, to which place his parents removed during his early childhood. He afterward attended Hazel Dell College there, and subsequently became a student in Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa, at which college, after graduating, he was placed in charge of the pharmacy department. In 1897 he came to Burlington, where he embarked in the drug business, his first location being at No. 1319 North Eighth street, whence he removed to his present location at No. 1110 North Eighth street in 1901. In 1908 postal station No. 2 was opened in his store. Mr. Kaiser takes just pride in this, for he was instrumental in having the different postoffice

stations placed on the various hills, which has proved of the greatest convenience to the citizens. His was one of the first stations opened after the original one was established in the Union station. Mr. Kaiser is an enterprising, wide-awake and successful business man. He has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement, and thus has put forth earnest effort to please his customers, while his thoroughly reliable dealing has won their confidence and goodwill.

In 1907 Mr. Kaiser was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Bosler, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, and had previously been a popular and efficient teacher in the public schools here. She taught in the Sunnyside and North Oak schools and her work in that connection was highly satisfactory. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bosler, both of whom are now deceased and were buried in the Aspen Grove cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser have been born two children: Kenneth, who died in infancy; and Donald W., who was born in Burlington, December 16, 1912.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Kaiser is a Mason and an Elk, and in the former organization has attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite. Honorable, upright dealing and progressive methods have firmly established him in the regard of his contemporaries and colleagues, and he now has in Burlington a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

S. H. JONES.

Prominent among the wholesale merchants of Burlington is S. H. Jones, who is at the head of a business that has long figured prominently in commercial circles of the city. He was born on Jones Island, in the Ottawa river, in Canada, an island owned and cultivated by his father, Edward Jones, and noted as a scenic point between Montreal and Ottawa, the family home commanding a splendid view for miles down the river. Edward Jones wedded Phoebe Simpson and the family made their home upon the island until their son, S. H. Jones, was twelve years of age.

The last named acquired a public school education, pursuing his studies in the Montreal high school. When sixteen years of age he became connected with the hardware business in Montreal and undoubtedly one of the chief factors in his success is the fact that he has

remained in the line of business in which he embarked as a young man. Crossing the border into the United States in 1873, he settled in Chicago and was for four years with S. H. Ransom & Company, stove manufacturers. He then removed to Clarion, Iowa, and for ten years was engaged in the retail hardware business at that place. In 1891 he came to Burlington and through the intervening period has been identified with the hardware trade in this city, being now engaged in the wholesale business under the firm name of the Drake Hardware Company. As one of the organizers of the business Mr. Jones became active in its management.

In 1888 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Jessica P. Childs, of Waterloo, New York, and to them have been born four children, a daughter and son, Elizabeth P. and Norman Nelson surviving, the latter now with the Drake Hardware Company. Mr. Jones is a prominent Mason, belonging to lodge, chapter and commandery, being a past eminent commander of St. Omar Commandery, K. T. He is a member of the Episcopal church and is a democrat in politics but not an office seeker.

JOHN CALVIN FLEMING, M. D.

Modern thought and investigation have reached the conclusion that not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success; and judged by this standard, the life record of Dr. John Calvin Fleming was a most successful one, for his life was the expression of good deeds, of kindly purposes, of noble thought and generous action. To know him but slightly was to esteem and honor him; to come within the closer circle of his acquaintance was to entertain for him the warmest friendship and love, for his life ever measured up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship.

He was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Huntingdon county on the 24th of November, 1848. His ancestors had lived in that locality through several generations. His great-grandfather, who was the progenitor of the American branch of the family, died at sea while on his way from the north of Ireland. His family completed the voyage and established their home in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, where many of his descendants have since lived. James Fleming, the father of Dr. Fleming, was a silk knitter who spent his



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entire life in Huntingdon county and was employed in the mills there.

Dr. Fleming pursued a preparatory course of study in the Tuscarora Academy in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, and later he entered Kishacoquilis Seminary in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, spending the summer seasons as a student, while the winter months were devoted to teaching, whereby he defrayed the expenses of his own education. His time was thus passed until he reached his majority. Wishing to become an active member of the medical profession, he then began reading under the direction of Dr. John McCullough, with whom he remained until he entered Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He completed a four years' course in that institution by graduation with the class of 1871, and then entered upon active practice in connection with his former preceptor, Dr. McCullough. Success attended his efforts from the beginning and he remained a resident of the east until 1877, when he came to Burlington, where he followed his profession until his demise. He was made county physician for Des Moines county in 1880, and continued in that office for six years. He was also city physician and health officer for two years, and in 1888 the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad named him its local surgeon and he continued to act in that capacity to the time of his death. He was also examiner for the New York Life Insurance Company and for fifteen or twenty years was connected in a similar capacity with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York and the Mutual Benefit Insurance Company of New Jersey. He was also accorded a large general practice.

In writing of his professional career, a contemporary biographer ere his death said: "He has never had a partner, and his success has come in direct recognition of his professional skill and ability, won through careful preliminary preparation and thorough investigation and broad study since leaving college. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought and improved methods of the profession, and has practiced along scientific lines, with the result that his labors have been most effective in checking the ravages of disease and alleviating human suffering. He has, too, the strictest regard for a high standard of professional ethics, and therefore commands the respect and confidence of his professional brethren. He belongs to the Des Moines Medical Society and the American Medical Association."

On the 28th of February, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Fleming and Miss Ida Weber, a native of Burlington, and to

them was born a son, John C. Dr. Fleming was a democrat in his political views, yet did not hesitate to cast an independent ballot if his judgment so dictated. He was a man of innate culture and refinement, broad-minded, a student and scholar and one with whom association meant expansion and elevation. Death called him while he was ministering professionally to a little grandson of J. J. Fleming, to whose bedside he was called while he was a guest at the home of a friend. Dr. Fleming at once went in response to the call for his professional aid, and while there was suddenly stricken. People in all walks of life paid tribute to his upright character, his many good deeds, and the news of his demise fell like a pall over the city. Many expressions of high regard were set forth by the local press.

One of the Burlington papers said: "His demise is a personal loss to hundreds. His interest in his patients was the interest not of the professional man. It was a personal interest. For almost two-score years he has been ministering to the ailing people of Burlington and many of his patients and the children of his patients would have no other doctor. He was, in addition to the man of medicine, the friend and adviser and counselor. His heart was big and his voice was kind. The call of distress to Dr. Fleming found him always ready to respond. He was not mercenary and the poor person who needed his services was accorded the same careful attention as the rich. And when the last hour came to a patient whom his skill was fruitless to save it was no uncommon sight to see him sharing sincerely the grief of the family. He always did his best, and his memory will long be cherished by those who knew him and loved him for his never failing optimism and the goodness of his heart."

Another wrote of him: "Both in his professional and social life, Dr. Fleming was the type of man that works good in a community. During his thirty-seven years of residence in this city he had not only built up a lucrative practice but had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. Many are the incidents told of his charitable disposition and unwavering loyalty in administering to the needy. Of an unassuming nature, modest in his successes and tireless in his warfare against disease, it was his capacity for work that gradually weakened his constitution and made him subject to the attack that robbed the city of a beloved citizen. The children loved him, an unusual circumstance with a doctor, and indicative of the confidence which they placed in him. Dr. Fleming was a self-made man. His practice was not the result of self-exploited

deeds. He was a big man with a big heart, skilled in his profession, and during the years of service here he proved by deeds rather than words that he was deserving of all the confidence that a loving public placed in him."

A tribute was paid him by Horace Rand, as follows: "I have known Dr. Fleming for more than thirty years, and for the last fifteen very intimately. During this time I have never known him to do an unkind act. He was father confessor to numbers of families and persons in this community, and we went to him for advice, not only for our bodily ailments but for things relating to our spiritual, material and social well-being. His business judgment was good, and in times of trouble it was a great comfort to go to his office and get his opinion. He was so charitable that his advice was always of the best. From a professional standpoint he was held in the highest esteem, not only by our local physicians, but his opinion was respected by the most eminent physicians and surgeons of the country. You had but to sit in his office for a few hours to realize how many and varied were the people who depended on him, and how often he gave his services when he could not expect or hope for compensation. We all claimed him as a member of our different families, and as we gathered at his home during the past week we began to realize how many were the real mourners."

Another said: "He had those qualities of manhood that made countless friends. He had those qualities of his profession that gave him the implicit confidence of the public in his skill as a physician and his integrity as a medical counselor. He had those qualities of character that gave him unchallenged standing in the business world. He had those qualities of citizenship that give stability to law and order and the welfare of the community. And he had those qualities of good-will and kindness that cement friendship and find expression in numerous deeds of charity and helpfulness. Such, in brief, is the story of Dr. Fleming's career in Burlington as the public saw and knew him. He came here a young man, only a few years advanced in the practice of his profession. He quickly won the confidence, and ever retained it, of the physicians of that period, among whom we recall to mind Dr. G. R. Henry, Dr. David McDill, Dr. J. C. Stone, Dr. Jones and others then living but who have passed away. They recognized in the young physician a man of sterling character, a student in whom there was promise of a successful future and a practitioner who had already attained to an experience that warranted his admission to the local field as one in every way qualified. He enjoyed their respect and confidence and

was given that fraternal hand so helpful to a newcomer. Their confidence was not misplaced and it spread to the citizenry. His devotion to his work, his thoroughness and painstaking care of his patients, his fidelity to duty, as most appropriately portrayed by Mr. Osborne in the funeral discourse, made him a popular physician in every home to which he was called. 'Once called, always called,' was the almost universal rule that obtained among his patients. That fact alone is a most eloquent tribute to his skill, his fidelity and zeal and his likeableness as a man. He needs no better monument. He died as he had wished—in the performance of duty. When called to the last patient he ever served he realized that he was under a physical strain, but he did not hesitate. His thought was of the little child who was in sudden and serious illness. The doctor was on his knees at the bedside ministering to the little patient, when suddenly his heart ceased its pulsation. The child lived; the good doctor died. He had answered his last call; he had rounded out his life work. He fell on the firing line, a true soldier of duty. What better *finis* could be written of any one?"

From the ministry came this tribute by Rev. Naboth Osborne: "He was our friend and we loved him; therefore we have left our homes and work this day that we might show how highly we regarded him. Others of us could die and but few would gather to do us reverence; this man died and our entire city is filled with mourning. There is scarcely a street in which some one has not wept for him—scarcely a house in which he had not a friend. * * * For nearly forty years he practiced his profession so that every year but added to his honor and his influence. Serviceableness was written all over his life. He went about doing good. Night and day he was at the call of the people, of men and women and children. The suffering child received the same attention at his hands as the greatest in the city. The passing stranger and the lifelong friend received from him the best he had to give. He held the cup of water to uncounted parching lips and soothed the bed of pain for multitudes of men and women. He enriched one of the noblest of our professions and honored humanity in doing his daily task. He not only served the bodies of men, he helped heal the wounds of the soul. He had medicine for the heart as well as for the physical frame. He was a born father confessor and carried about with him sacred and inviolate a multitude of the secrets of men's souls. He was not only a doctor, he was also a counselor. His wisdom was sought on all manner of questions. He was an adviser of families as well as the physician of individuals. His practice and insight

and ripening experience of life were such that in all sorts of trouble his advice and wisdom were sought. When he entered the house of the afflicted the watchers by the bedside were relieved as if some crushing and unshakeable burden had suddenly fallen from their shoulders. His personality was as rich as his influence. As bone and blood and nerve and tissue went to make up his body, so kindness and sympathy, and tenderness and consideration, and patience and charity and fatherliness went to make up his character. The world has need of such men as this. He went from us as he wished to go. Caring for the sorrows and soothing the pains of a little child, his manly soul went out to meet his God and to render an account of his stewardship. He was caught in the act of doing good. We could have wished that he had remained with us if only for a day or two, that we might sit at his bedside and tell him how we loved him and how highly we regarded him. But perhaps it is better not, for his dutiful and unassuming soul would have been embarrassed by the wealth of affection that would have been poured in streams of benediction upon him. Our comfort lies in what he was and in our memories of him. Those who knew him will never forget him. If we were of his age we shall remember him as a brother beloved. If we are younger than he, and knew him well, we shall think of him as we think of our fathers. If we have been his patients we shall know that what he could do for us he did for us, and that ungrudgingly. He is of those who live again, remembered by what he has done. * * * And to our waiting hearts there comes His health-giving and satisfying words, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live again, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.' This is our lasting comfort."

His was indeed the greatness of soul and spirit which lifted him above the common lot of man and made him one of those whose memory is cherished as a precious legacy and remains as a blessed benediction to those who knew him.

CAPTAIN CARLTON DRYDEN.

Captain Carlton Dryden, now living retired, has made his home in Burlington since 1869. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served at the front throughout the period of hostilities, and the same spirit of loyalty has ever been manifest in discharging his duties of

citizenship. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, March 6, 1842, a son of James M. and Elizabeth (Ellis) Dryden. The father was a native of Ohio, born in 1808, and the mother's birth occurred in Virginia in 1806. In her childhood she accompanied her parents to Ohio and in that state was married. In 1851 the family removed to Peoria, Illinois, and later to Keithsburg, that state. In 1853 they settled in Montezuma, Iowa, where they resided until 1864, when they returned to Keithsburg. There the father passed away on the 3d of February, 1887. The mother died while on a visit in Minnesota in 1872. Throughout his entire life the father followed the occupation of farming, and at fifty-four years of age he enlisted for service as a member of the Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until September, 1863, when he was honorably discharged and returned home. To him and his wife were born seven children: Caroline, the deceased wife of Thomas Marlatt; Charles, who served for three years in the Ninth Illinois Infantry and died in 1912; Esther, the wife of Roger Carter, of Oklahoma; Carey, who served for three years in the Twenty-seventh Illinois Infantry and died in 1904; Carlton; Cyrus, who was a member of Company F, Tenth Iowa Infantry, during the last year of the war and is now living in Keithsburg, Illinois; and William C., a retired merchant of Wichita, Kansas.

Captain Dryden was a lad of nine years when his parents removed to Illinois and was eleven years of age when they came to Iowa. He made his home on a farm near Montezuma until August, 1861, when his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union and he offered his services to the government, becoming a private of Company F, Tenth Iowa Infantry. He was promoted from time to time until he became captain of his company. He served as sergeant until January 1, 1864, and reenlisted for three years, or during the war. He was then appointed first sergeant and ultimately was promoted to the rank of captain, remaining with the army until August, 1865. The regiment was organized at Iowa City in September, 1861, and went to St. Louis, Missouri, thence to Cape Girardeau, where they encamped. The first winter was spent in camp at Birdspoint, Missouri, and on the 4th of March, 1862, they left that place under General Pope, participating in the campaign that resulted in the capture of New Madrid and Island No. 10. With Pope's army he went to Fort Pillow, being there at the time of the battle of Shiloh, arriving at the latter place two weeks after the engagement. The Tenth Iowa participated in the capture of Corinth, the battle of Iuka, September 19, 1862, the battle of Cor-

inth, October 3-4, 1862, and went with Grant through Mississippi, returning to Memphis. Captain Dryden also participated in the Vicksburg campaign, took part in the battle of Missionary Ridge and aided in guarding the railroad. He was also through the Atlanta campaign, and while at Cartersville, Georgia, in November, 1864, cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He went with Sherman on the celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea and was in the engagement at Savannah and the different battles in the Carolinas, after which he participated in the Grand Review. He was then sent with his army to Little Rock, Arkansas, in July, 1865, and there remained until honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, on the 31st of August of that year. He was in every state of the Confederacy during the war, except Florida and Texas, and he returned home with a most creditable military record, familiar with every phase of military life, having undergone all of the hardships incident to war.

In the meantime Captain Dryden's father had removed to Keithsburg, Illinois, and there the son joined him. On the 9th of August, 1866, he was there married to Miss E. E. McKinney, who was born in Indiana in 1838. They traveled life's journey together for thirty-seven years and were separated by the death of the wife in 1903. There was one daughter of that marriage, Luella, who became the wife of Dr. G. W. Slingluff, and died in 1902.

Following his marriage Captain Dryden resided in Keithsburg until 1869, when he came to Burlington, and throughout the intervening years he has resided in one house. He worked as a carpenter for some time and was then in the employ of E. Joy & Company, lumber merchants, until March, 1873. He afterward entered the service of William Berry & Company, lumber dealers, with whom he continued until 1890. He was the assistant superintendent of construction at the time of the building of the Burlington postoffice and was the first to lose his job under Cleveland. For three years he was with the police department and for a year he served as police judge. He then returned to the Burlington Lumber Company, with which he was associated until 1911, when they retired from business, since which time Captain Dryden has also lived retired. For forty-two years he had been a well-known figure in the business circles of the city and had gained a measure of success that now enables him to rest from further toil.

In his political views Captain Dryden has always been a stalwart republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and

which has also been the party of progress and reform. His life has been guided by his Christian faith, as he has membership in the First Presbyterian church. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and was commander of the Burlington post for three years. He likewise has membership with the Des Moines Commandery of the Loyal Legion. He is a man well preserved for his years and an excellent conversationalist and a most interesting and companionable gentleman. He has in Burlington a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance, and throughout the period of his residence here he has been known as a progressive citizen through his active cooperation in all measures relating to the public good. In matters of citizenship he is as true and loyal as when he followed the old flag upon the battlefields of the south.

HON. JOHN GRAHAM FOOTE.

Among the pioneers of the state of Iowa none is more worthy of mention than John Graham Foote, who in 1841 settled in Burlington, Iowa, and from that year until his death actively participated in the upbuilding of the state. Not only was he one of the foremost business men of Burlington, but he was connected with the early railroad building of this section and also represented his district in the upper house of the legislature. Mr. Foote continued a resident of Burlington until his death, which occurred March 4, 1896, when he was nearing his eighty-second birthday.

He was born in Middlebury, Vermont, April 21, 1814, a son of Justus and Harriet S. (Graham) Foote. The founder of the family in America was Nathaniel Foote, who was born in England in 1593 and in that country married Elizabeth Denning about the year 1615. His name first appears in America in the records of the Massachusetts Bay colony in 1633, when he took the freeman's oath. He had land assigned to him at Watertown, Massachusetts, and later became a pioneer of Wethersfield, Connecticut. He died in 1664 and his wife passed away in 1683. His eldest son, Nathaniel, was born in England in 1620 and at Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1648, married Miss Elizabeth Smith. He died in 1655, having spent the greater part of his life in Wethersfield. His second son, Samuel, was born in that town in 1649 and in 1671 married Miss Mary Merrick, of Springfield, Massachusetts. He was a resident of Hatfield, Massachusetts, and died September 7, 1689, his wife soon following him,



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October 3, 1690. His fifth son, Daniel, was born at Hatfield, in 1689, and in 1718 married Mary Collyer, of Hartford, Connecticut. They resided at Simsbury, Connecticut. He died July 15, 1740, and his wife June 17, 1769. His eldest son, Samuel, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1719 and married Lois Loomis, November 24, 1743. They made their home at Simsbury, Connecticut. Samuel Foote passed away September 18, 1775. His third son, Elijah, was born at Simsbury, Connecticut, March 14, 1755. He was twice married. On December 12, 1771, he married Mary Latimer, who passed away, leaving five sons and one daughter. His second wife was Zeniah Barton, of Norwich, Vermont, and by this union he had two sons and one daughter. He resided at Simsbury, New Haven and Middlebury, Connecticut, at Fairfield, Vermont, and at some place in New York state. He died in 1827. Justus, the fourth son of Elijah and Mary (Latimer) Foote, was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, June 24, 1782. On April 15, 1810, he wedded Harriet S. Graham, a daughter of Rev. John Graham, of Suffield, Connecticut, and they resided in Middlebury, Vermont, where he died June 10, 1829. His wife survived him for many years, her death occurring on the 20th of April, 1865. Their second child was John Graham Foote, of this review.

On the maternal side Mr. Foote was descended from James Graham, Marquis of Montrose, who was born in Scotland in 1612 and died in 1651. An intermediate descendant was Andrew Graham, whose son, Rev. John Graham, was born in Scotland in 1694 and came to America when young. In this country he entered upon a career as a minister of the gospel. He settled in Stafford, Connecticut, in 1723 and died at Southbury, that state, December 11, 1774. His son, also Rev. John Graham, was born in 1722 and died at Suffield, Connecticut, in 1796. He was an early graduate of Yale University, taking his degrees in 1740. Harriet Swan Graham, the daughter of Rev. John Graham, was the mother of our subject. She was born at West Suffield, Connecticut, March 9, 1789, and her last days were spent in the home of her son at Burlington. On the 15th of April, 1810, she married Captain Justus Foote at Middlebury, Vermont.

John G. Foote was graduated from the Middlebury (Vt.) College in 1835 and the same year went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he became a clerk in the hardware store of Bridge, Beech & Company. He came to Burlington in 1838 and in 1841 made permanent location in Burlington, Iowa. Here he established a branch store for the St. Louis firm and continued as manager of this establishment

for a number of years. At the end of that period he engaged in the same line independently and later his brother-in-law, Mosley Ewing, became his partner. He soon rose to a place of prominence in the business life of Burlington and his concern grew as the years passed, becoming one of the foremost business houses in his part of the state. He was successfully engaged as a hardware dealer for a period of thirty-three years, when he retired with a comfortable fortune. During this time Mr. Foote had a number of other interests which connected him with the growth and development of the region. He participated financially in the building of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad and for a time served as treasurer of this company. Later he was a member of the board of directors of the Peoria & Oquawka Railroad Company and also was a director of the Carthage & Burlington Railroad Company. He was always progressive and aggressive and was a promoter and a director of the first company to run a telegraph wire into Burlington. He became recognized within the state as a man of powerful financial influence, taking a leading part in the organization of the First National Bank of Burlington, of which he became a director and vice president. To his ready co-operation must be ascribed much of the prestige which the bank enjoys today. Mr. Foote was a foremost factor in all matters that affected the public welfare and could ever be found in the ranks of those men who considered it their duty to work in the interests of advancement, growth and development.

In politics Mr. Foote was equally active. He was originally a whig, but later turned to the republican party. In 1861 he was elected state senator and served from 1862 until 1865. During the troublous times of the Civil war he carefully watched over the destinies of his state in the upper chamber. He was active and forceful in committee work and often appealed from the floor of the house to fellow members in the interests of valuable legislation. He later was chairman of a board of three commissioners who were selected for the construction of the state capitol and discharged this great trust in a highly satisfactory manner. He personally disbursed two million eight hundred and seventy-six thousand three hundred dollars throughout a period of fourteen years and no voice was ever raised about the misapplication of even a penny of this vast sum. No breath of suspicion ever attached to his name, for he discharged his duties with a conscientiousness which is rarely found among politicians of the present era.

During the later years of his life Mr. Foote retired from business and public life. He largely devoted his efforts to religious work.

In 1853 he had become a member of the Congregational church and always worked in the interests of that organization. He was for a long period a teacher of the Sunday school and for many years held the office of deacon. He was a member of the National Council of Congregational churches that met in Boston, Massachusetts, and, standing beside Plymouth Rock, where his ancestors had landed centuries before, he joined in the declaration of faith. In 1867 he was elected a corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions and continued to be a member of that board up to his eightieth year. He was one of the founders and original incorporators of the Chicago Theological Seminary and a member of its first board of directors. Throughout this life he remained a supporter of that institution. He was a thorough Christian gentleman whose noble spirit permeated all his actions. His home life was of the most ideal kind and wherever he went he carried with him the sunshine of life.

Mr. Foote was twice married. At Burlington, August 20, 1845, he wedded Eliza Jane Ewing, a native of Greenville, Kentucky. Only one of their four children reached adult age, Harriet, the widow of Frank R. Dunham, who was chief clerk of the Burlington post-office and died June 30, 1891. Mrs. Dunham and her daughter Harriet reside with her stepmother, Mrs. Foote. Her two sons are John Graham, of Boise, Idaho; and George Foote, of Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Eliza Jane Foote passed away August 5, 1853, and in 1855 Mr. Foote married Miss Mary E. Merrill. She is descended from Nathaniel Merrill, of England, who landed in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1634. The family was originally located in France and emigrated from the Auvergne shortly before the massacre of St. Bartholomew. Being Huguenots, they fled to save their lives and after reaching England located in Worcester. They later made their domicile in Sussex, whence they emigrated to America. They were descended from the old Du Merle family, of the Auvergne, the ancestral seat being at Place de Dombes. In America the family name was changed to Merrill. They supplied many Congregational and Methodist ministers of ability as well as prominent men in other spheres of life. Peter Merrill, of this family and a member of the British army, was knighted in 1634 and became Sir Peter, while Samuel, a descendant of Nathaniel Merrill, was a member of the legislature of Massachusetts and captain of a military company in the Revolutionary war. He took part in the battles of Ticonderoga and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne. His son Jesse was a boy of sixteen when he served as a private in his father's company. After the war Samuel

Merrill removed to Vermont, where he became prominent in public affairs as a member of the state legislature. His son James, upon leaving college, located in Philadelphia, where he became associated with the famous Thaddeus Stevens and attained fame as a member of the Pennsylvania bar. The marriage of Nathaniel Merrill, the original American ancestor, probably took place in England. His wife's name was Susanna, but her family name has never been established with certainty, although it is supposed to have been Willerton. They were the parents of seven children. During the later years of their lives they resided at Newburyport, Massachusetts, where Nathaniel Merrill died March 16, 1665. The subsequent generations were: Abel, born in 1654, who married Priscilla Chase; Abel, born in 1671, who married Abigail Stevens; Abel, born in 1698, who married Ruth Kelley; Stevens, born in 1731, who married Sarah Chase and whose second union was with Mary Noyes; Joseph, born in 1764, who married Sarah Copp; and Stevens, born in 1790. He married Mehitabel Worthy Wells and they became the parents of Mrs. Foote. Her mother was a member of the celebrated Wells family, long known in the affairs of New England, and her great-grandfather, Samuel Wells, of Plymouth, New Hampshire, was commander of the state militia there. Her father, Stevens Merrill, was sheriff of Grafton county, and Plymouth, New Hampshire. He later removed to Boston, where he engaged in the dry goods and brokerage business. In 1849 he joined the California pioneers and there engaged in mining for several years, but in 1854 returned to the east and settled in Burlington, Iowa, where he died in 1863. His wife, who was born at Plymouth, New Hampshire, in 1797, died in Burlington, January 12, 1886.

Mrs. Foote was born at Plymouth, New Hampshire, March 19, 1832. She was educated in the public schools of Boston and came to Burlington with her parents in 1854. In the following year she married Mr. Foote. She is a member of the First Congregational church and is actively interested in carrying on the good work of her husband. She also holds membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Young Women's Christian Association. She is a member of the Missionary Society of the Congregational church and the Ladies' Aid Society of the Burlington Hospital. Mrs. Foote is a lady of literary tastes, highly cultured and refined, and takes a deep and helpful interest in the uplift of humanity.

Mr. and Mrs. Foote became the parents of three sons, but Henry G. died at the age of eight months and Charles Russell at the age of two and a half years. Graham Merrill, the eldest, now of Long

Beach, California, was born in 1856 and in 1880 married Miss Anna Joy. They have one son, Graham Merrill Foote, Jr., who was born March 7, 1889, and is engaged in business in Long Beach, California.

John Graham Foote was one of those hardy pioneers who carried civilization to the primitive wilds of the middle west when the white man had scarcely penetrated the vast prairies of the Mississippi valley. He lived in Burlington for fifty-five years and witnessed the entire development of the city and section during this time. More than that, he participated actively in making its history. As a business man he laid the foundation of commercial progress; as a promoter of railroads he made possible the marketing of produce and joined rich agricultural districts so that the products of the soil could be advantageously disposed of. In his church work he implanted the Christian faith among his fellowmen and he always did everything in his power for the moral and intellectual progress of the people. The history of the state of Iowa would be incomplete without prominent reference to him who so worthily carried on the honorable traditions of a long line of distinguished ancestors. His memory is revered by all who knew him and who honored in him a patriarch who in his younger years had actively participated in the building of this great commonwealth and who continued his interest in those things which make for the betterment of humanity until he was called to the great beyond from a life which had been rich in useful labors.

THE BURLINGTON GAZETTE.

One year older than the territory of Iowa, and consequently almost a decade the senior of the state of Iowa, the Burlington Daily Gazette of Burlington, Iowa, is undoubtedly the pioneer newspaper of this state. Born and bred in the trials and hardships of the frontier days, when Black Hawk, the Sac chief, and his braves combated with the white settlers from the east the ownership of Iowa's share of the widespread territory of Wisconsin, the Gazette's history, has been that of its native Iowa. Both from a crude beginning have waxed strong and powerful. Each has had its trials and tribulations, its ups and downs, its triumphs and its failures and each is better for them. It is pleasant and gratifying for the senior to contemplate its junior's progress and the high rank it today holds in the union of the states and to know that its own influence and intelligent endeavor

played no small part in bringing about the great Iowa of the twentieth century. And, in turn, the state of Iowa is glad to boast among its considerable number of intelligent, wide-awake and well edited newspapers, one of such conspicuous merit as the Gazette.

The Gazette was founded in 1837 by James Clarke, a practical printer and the last territorial governor of Iowa, and Cyrus Jacobs. Editor Jacobs, following a political dispute with Judge David Rorer, a prominent attorney, was shot and killed by Rorer, who escaped punishment through a plea of self-defense. Mr. Jacobs' interest in the paper was sold to John H. McKenny, who with Mr. Clarke remained in control until 1842, when James M. Morgan and Bernhart Henn succeeded them. Both were men of parts and took an active interest in the politics of the day, Mr. Morgan being speaker of the Iowa house for several terms, while Mr. Henn served two terms in the lower house of Congress. In 1845 the Gazette passed into the hands of Mr. Clarke, its founder, and William Tizzard, afterwards, for a period of eight years, postmaster of Burlington. Upon Mr. Clarke's appointment as governor of the territory his place on the paper was filled for a time by a Mr. Thurston, afterwards a prominent citizen of Oregon. Mr. Thurston was succeeded by a Dr. Gates, who sold out to Governor Clarke in 1848. In that year democracy swept the state, its victory in great measure being due to the influence wielded by the Gazette. In 1850 cholera broke out in Burlington and Governor Clarke was among the first victims. A young attorney named Childs took his place. Dr. Harvey, an eminent physician and father of Colonel Philip Harvey of the United States army's medical corps, assumed the editorship and for five years directed its destinies. Under the Harvey regime the Gazette was the state organ of the democratic party and championed Iowa's United States senators, George W. Jones and Augustus Caesar Dodge in the Kansas-Nebraska act.

When the territory was made a state in 1846, the Territorial Gazette became the Iowa State Gazette. Until 1853 it was a weekly but in that year was changed into a tri-weekly. Two years later, under the ownership of Colonel William Thompson and David Sheward, it became a daily paper. Colonel Thompson was for four years a member of the legislature and served with distinction in the Union army. In 1860 Mr. Taylor bought the paper and in 1862 Messrs. Todd and Bently became its owners and publishers. They changed the name of the paper and it was known as the Gazette and Argus. Two years after the close of the war Richard Barret and Charles I. Barker purchased the plant and the same year Mr. Bar-

ker became the sole owner. He dropped the name *Argus* from the paper, and it has ever since been known as the *Gazette*. Charles Playter appeared in May, 1874, as part owner, but in the following September the *Gazette* was purchased by W. W. Blake of Burlington and W. R. Fitch of the Cedar Rapids Republican. The *Gazette* Printing Company was then established. Colonel John Bird soon after purchased an interest and assisted Mr. Blake in the editorship until 1876, when Wesley L. Barnes, Louis Melius and W. W. Blake bought it. The two first named gentlemen soon retired and Mr. Blake became sole owner. Following Mr. Blake's incumbency of the editorial chair A. C. Hutchinson held sway, with John H. Drabbe, now a prominent attorney of St. Louis, as political editor, Bert Smith, the present mayor of Sioux City, as city editor, and Ed Wesner, at present a leading fire insurance man of Burlington, Iowa, as business manager.

In May, 1887, Thomas Stivers of Atchison, Kansas, and Henry Stivers of Osceola, Iowa, became the owners of the *Gazette* and published it for one year, when Thomas Stivers became absolute owner and was its editor and publisher until the day of his death, September 9, 1913, when he was succeeded by his only son, George A. Stivers. Mr. Stivers was a native of Ohio, but the greater part of his manhood had been spent in Kansas, where he had been successful as a newspaper man and contractor. He was a keen-sighted business man, a born newspaper man, a forcible writer, a man who thought straight, a courteous gentleman who made and kept friends and a worker of electric dynamo energy. It is to his wonderful industry, his steadfastness and his splendid intelligence that the *Gazette* owes so much of its eminent standing among the newspapers of the Mississippi valley today. How well he succeeded may be best demonstrated when it is understood that when he took the *Gazette* it was struggling along with a circulation of but five hundred, that its plant was a poorly equipped one and that its influence was on the wane, that he left it with its circulation at the eight thousand five hundred mark and still growing, its plant up-to-date in every way and it the most influential, widely read and quoted paper in its section of the country. His son who succeeds has been connected with the *Gazette* in various capacities from carrier up since he was a boy in his teens and is in every way fitted to maintain the *Gazette* at the standard of excellency set by his distinguished father.

The *Gazette* is democratic in politics and is the leading journal of that faith in Iowa. But it is not as a political organ that it enjoys its chief distinction or its ever-growing popularity. Its ability to

gather the news, both local and foreign, and to present it to its readers in an attractive manner has made it the popular home paper of the community to which it caters. In Burlington it is a common saying that "everybody takes the Gazette," and it happens to be a true one, too, for over forty-five thousand copies are daily distributed in Burlington by its forty carrier boys. Its outside circulation is constantly growing, for the people of the adjacent towns and country are appreciating more and more each day the value of the paper that prints and delivers the news the day it happens. As an advertising medium it stands alone in its part of the country. The advertiser has learned that its columns bring results and the reader has every confidence in the merit of any advertisement that the Gazette will permit in its columns.

The Gazette is a member of the Associated Press, and through its leased wire running to its editorial rooms receives from ten thousand to fifteen thousand words each day of the news of the world. In addition it employs a staff of fifty correspondents throughout southeastern Iowa and western Illinois who keep Gazette readers well informed daily of all things of interest in their bailiwicks. How well the local field is covered is shown by the fact that in Burlington the Gazette circulates double the number of all other local publications combined.

It is the present purpose of the management to erect a building of its own in the near future and to further equip the paper so that it may continue to grow rapidly in the value of its usefulness.

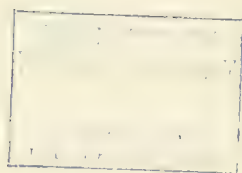
N. S. YOUNG.

Among the promoters of Burlington's growth and greatness was numbered N. S. Young, who for many years conducted a general contracting business in the city, where he was equally well known as a sportsman because of his love of the rod and gun and as a Christian gentleman because of his fidelity to the teachings of the Congregational church, in which he long held membership. Business, recreation and Christian service were in him well balanced and the duties of life were by him never neglected nor slighted.

Mr. Young was a native of Pettelange, France, born September 21, 1835, and his parents, John and Magdalena Young, were also natives of that country. Their family numbered five sons and three daughters, and soon after the birth of their son, N. S. Young, they



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removed to Belgium, where they resided until 1845, when they came to the United States, arriving in New York after a voyage of forty-two days. The family home was established in western New York, where they remained for four years, during which period the mother passed away and the father afterward married Mrs. Heffner. In 1849 the family went to Watertown, Wisconsin, where the father engaged in farming.

N. S. Young acquired most of his education in New York. He received practical training in the work of the fields and remained on the farm with his father until he reached the age of nineteen years. In 1853 he went on foot to Milwaukee, where he boarded a steamboat for Chicago and thence proceeded by rail to Michigan City, Indiana, where he was employed on the construction of the Toledo, Wabash & Peoria Railroad until the following April, when, owing to an exhausted exchequer, the railroad company suspended further work. Mr. Young then went to Warsaw, Illinois, proceeding by way of the Chicago & Rock Island Railroad, and also as a passenger on the steamer *Lady Franklin*. He worked on the Warsaw, Rock Island & Rockford Railroad for three months, when the contractor failed in business and all the compensation that Mr. Young received for his services was an old watch—the first one he ever owned. This he carried for several years. Thrown out of employment, he did odd jobs, shunning no work that would yield him an honest living. The following summer the building of the Warsaw, Rock Island & Rockford Railroad was resumed and he secured work with a brother who had a contract for railroad grading near Dallas, Illinois, remaining there until the scarcity of funds again caused work to stop. The building was resumed the following year—1856—and Mr. Young again worked for his brother near Lomax, Illinois. In the fall of that year he went to Wisconsin to visit his father's family, remaining nearly all winter, after which he became a member of a surveying party under Mr. Van Manein, engaged in locating the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad between Milton and Minneapolis Junction. His next employment took him to Joliet, Illinois, where he became overseer for Kent & Parshall, who had taken a contract in connection with the building of the St. Louis Railroad.

The summer was spent in that employment, after which Mr. Young made his first independent business venture by taking a small contract from the railroad company on which he realized two hundred dollars in eight days. He felt that this was very much better than working for sixty dollars per month, and therefore decided to become a railroad contractor whenever a favorable opportunity pre-

sented. He again spent the winter in Wisconsin with his parents and in the spring of 1858 went to Minnesota, where he again became foreman in connection with railroad construction. In the spring of 1859 he went to St. Paul, where he arranged with a contractor to take his teams and outfit back to Reynolds Station, Indiana, and complete work begun there six years before. Mr. Young finished that contract by fall and then went to Albany, Indiana, on the Ohio river, where he took passage on a steamboat bound for Vicksburg, intending to spend the winter in the south. He obtained work as foreman in charge of levee building during the winter of 1859-60, and during the succeeding winter he was awarded a contract for getting out ties for the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. He was at Corinth at the time the news was received of the fall of Fort Sumter. He completed his contract and for some time afterward engaged in railroad building near Paducah, Kentucky, but his sympathy was with the Union, and he left the south for Wisconsin.

In 1862 Mr. Young secured the position of overseer in railroad building at Kaukauna, near Green Bay, Wisconsin, and when fall came he went to Downers Grove, Illinois, where he also executed a contract. The succeeding summer was spent at Escanaba, Michigan, working on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and in the fall of that year he returned to Downers Grove to finish his contract. He afterward went to Milwaukee and took a contract for further work on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad near that city. He was married in 1864 and about a year later established his home in Chillicothe, Iowa, having secured a contract on the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad. In 1866 he removed with his family to Burlington, where he continued to make his home until his death, and throughout the entire period he conducted a general contracting business, his work extending over several states. In 1873 he was awarded the contract for the building of the first street car line in Burlington—that on South Hill. In the years which intervened from that period until his death he was awarded many other contracts which had to do with the improvement of the city. He was a large contractor for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, constructing the greater part of its line between Burlington and Omaha, and he built the narrow gauge railroad from Burlington to Oskaloosa, which has since been converted into the standard system. As the years passed on his business, growing steadily in volume and importance, brought to him a substantial measure of prosperity and for a long period ere his death he was numbered among Burlington's men of affluence. He was at the time of his demise one of the directors

of the Merchants' Life Association and of the Merchants National Bank, and his splendid business qualifications were further called into requisition as a trustee of the Elks Building Association and the Elks lodge. His advice and judgment in business matters were constantly being sought by his associates and were always sound.

On the 17th of September, 1864, Mr. Young was united in marriage in Milwaukee to Miss Cate Schlenger, a native of Germany and a daughter of George and Maria J. Schlenger, who came to the new world when Mrs. Young was but four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Young became the parents of nine children, of whom two died in infancy, while seven are yet living: Viola Eugene, the widow of Dr. Julius Oswald, of Chicago; George J., who is with his mother; Josephine, the wife of F. W. Heaney, of Cedar Rapids; William, who pursued a civil engineering course and is now engaged in the real estate business in Kingsville, Texas; Arthur Le Roy, who is in the bond business in Chicago; Mary Clara, at home; and Earl H., who is conducting a contracting business in connection with his brother George in Burlington.

The death of Mr. Young occurred February 25, 1913. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and his religious faith was that of the Congregational church, to which his widow still belongs. He was also a member of the Crystal Lake Club and was president thereof from its organization, continuing to serve until his death. He was devoted to his family and gave his children good educational advantages and encouraged them in the study of music and other useful accomplishments. His personal tastes were simple, but he had a keen relish for sport and was an ardent lover of rod and gun. A contemporary biographer spoke of him as a member of "that class of men whose resources were in themselves, their unwavering optimism and faith in the future, men who brought these resources to bear upon the problems that confronted them, whether of a moral or physical character, and found a solution, in the one case leading to the recognition of a universal brotherhood, and in the other to 'make the wilderness to blossom as the rose.' These were men of integrity, of noble purpose and indomitable courage. Often poor, limited in opportunities for early education, hampered by having to follow hitherto untried ways or to mark out entirely new paths, they mastered almost insuperable difficulties and have left to posterity an unsurpassed heritage. Such a man was Mr. N. S. Young, in whose passing Burlington loses a good citizen, a man whose business ability was recognized by all and withal a man of kindly heart. * * *

In his attitude toward men and affairs he was a despiser of shams, but

was a genuine and sympathetic supporter of every worthy cause, being liberal in his contributions thereto, and took an active interest in matters pertaining to the public good. * * * He has resided in Burlington since 1866, and in the course of his long residence has made many friends who admired him for his sincerity, his purity of heart and motive, his kindly hospitality, and his real interest in the community's progress."

HON. JOHN J. SEERLEY.

Hon. John J. Seerley, who has been representative of his district in congress and thus as lawmaker as well as lawyer is well known to the people of Des Moines county, now practices his profession in Burlington as senior partner in the firm of Seerley & Clark. He was born in Toulon, Illinois, on the 13th of March, 1852, a son of Thomas and Eliza (Smith) Seerley. The family is of French and German descent and came to America in colonial days. The father was a farmer by occupation and on leaving Illinois in 1854 established his home in Keokuk county, Iowa, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1894 or for a period of forty years. He then retired from active life and took up his abode in Iowa City, where he remained until called to his final rest.

John J. Seerley acquired a public school education and afterward entered the State University, in which he completed his more specifically literary course with the class of 1875. He then remained in that institution for the study of law and was graduated from the law department in 1877. Immediately afterward he came to Burlington, where for thirty-seven years he has been a well known member of the bar. Advancement in the profession is proverbially slow, yet it was not long before he had established himself as an able lawyer, capable of finding ready solution for intricate and involved legal problems. As the years have passed on his practice has steadily grown in volume and importance and he now enjoys a large and distinctively representative clientage. After practicing alone for many years he was joined by C. C. Clark in the present firm of Seerley & Clark. While the practice of law has been his real life work and the greater part of his attention has been given thereto, he also has some other interests, being president of the Merchants Life Association for the past ten years, while for several years he has been a director of the National State Bank. He has also made extensive and judicious investments

in farm property and gives general supervision to the development and cultivation of his farm lands. In all his business affairs he has displayed sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise and his success is well merited.

In 1879 Mr. Seerley was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth L. Clark, of Iowa City, by whom he has three children, namely: Florence, Hazel and John, Jr. Mr. Seerley is well known in Masonic circles. He is a past master of Malta Lodge, No. 318, A. F. & A. M.; a past high priest of Iowa Chapter, R. A. M.; and past eminent commander of St. Omar Commandery, No. 15, K. T. Mr. Seerley has also been identified with various interests of a public and semi-public character and has been a cooperant factor in many of the movements which have been of greatest benefit to the city in its up-building and improvement. He is now president of the Burlington Hospital. For ten years he was city attorney of Burlington and in 1892 was elected to represent his district in the fifty-second congress on the democratic ticket. He is always deeply interested in important political problems, keeping well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day, and his opinions are those of a clear-sighted, analytical mind. In fact he delves to the root of all things in matters relating to the public welfare and his efforts have been a forceful element in bringing about public improvement along many lines.

WILLIAM F. GILMAN.

William F. Gilman is the secretary of the Burlington Lumber Company, is also secretary of the Citizens' Water Company, and in his business career illustrates the possibilities that are open to young men of determination, ambition and persistency of purpose. He was born August 31, 1869, in the city which is still his home, and was educated in the graded schools, supplemented by a two years' course in the high school. After a course in Elliott's Business College he started out to make his own way in the world. For five years he was employed by the old Narrow Gauge Railroad, in the auditor's office, —a road that afterward became a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system. On severing his connection with that railroad company he entered the employ of the Cascade Lumber Company, with which he continued for two years. On the expiration of that period he embarked in the lumber commission business, in which he

remained until 1898, when he became connected with the Burlington Lumber Company, with which he has now been identified for sixteen years. Gradually he worked his way upward until he became secretary of the company in 1911. He has since bent his energies to administrative direction and executive control and his efforts have been an element in the growing trade and continued success of the business.

In 1905 Mr. Gilman was united in marriage to Miss Edna Uhler, of Burlington, and they have become the parents of three children, William Warren, who died in infancy, and Edna Loraine and John Berry, aged respectively six and two years. Mr. Gilman belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and it has been by reason of his close application and unremitting diligence that he has won the creditable position which he now occupies as a representative of the lumber trade in Burlington. At the same time he takes an active interest in the welfare of the city and cooperates in many plans and measures for Burlington's upbuilding and improvement.

HAROLD J. WILSON.

Following his admission to the bar in 1904 Harold J. Wilson became junior partner in the firm of Blake & Wilson, which today is regarded as one of the strongest and ablest law firms of southeastern Iowa. A native of Monmouth, Illinois, he was born August 20, 1879, and is a son of Robert A. and Ella J. (Joss) Wilson. The father devoted much of his life to merchandising and was also interested in the Weir Pottery Company, now a part of the Western Stoneware Corporation. In the former connection he was president of the firm of R. A. Wilson & Company, dealers in house furnishings. He was energetic and progressive, possessing in large measure the spirit of initiative, and in the conduct of his business affairs advanced steadily to success, for if his path seemed blocked in one direction he sought out another road which would lead to the desired goal.

Robert A. Wilson was prominently connected with interests affecting the public welfare. For fourteen years he served as treasurer of Monmouth College and for many years was its financial

agent. At the time of his resignation it was published that, although during his tenure of office he had loaned the entire endowment of Monmouth College, he had never lost a cent of interest or principal from that fund, so judiciously did he manage the interests intrusted to him. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian church for fifteen years and had charge of the western depository of the United Presbyterian Board of Publication. His political indorsement was given to the republican party and he always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, believing that the adoption of republican principles would best promote good government. He died in the year 1902 and is survived by his wife, who yet makes her home in Monmouth. They were the parents of the following children: Harold J.; Ralph W., who is living in New York city and is resident manager for Theodore Foster & Company, jewelers of Providence, Rhode Island; Robert E., a real-estate broker in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Lucille M., the wife of Lyman J. Hurd, a banker of Minneapolis; and Elbert C., attending the Monmouth high school.

Highly endowed in a business and financial way, Harold J. Wilson attended the public schools and Monmouth College, from which he was graduated with first honors in 1901, securing the degree of Bachelor of Arts. By special thesis he won his Master of Arts degree in 1904. He began preparation for his profession as a law student in the office of A. W. Kirkpatrick, one of the best known of the old school attorneys of Monmouth. For nearly two years Mr. Wilson, although just from his collegiate studies, conducted the Retail Merchants Association of Monmouth which experience taught him many of the rudiments of commercial law, along which line he has since shown himself especially fitted. Later he went into the office of W. E. Blake of Burlington, continuing his reading along with practical experience until he passed the required examination, securing his admission to the bar of the state of Iowa. He entered into partnership with his former preceptor in July of the same year and the firm of Blake & Wilson came into existence. Their offices are rooms 301-8 in the Tama building and constitute one of the finest suites in Burlington, and theirs is one of the largest and most completely equipped law libraries. They are engaged in general practice, although taking no criminal cases, and to a large extent have confined their attention to corporation law. They are now attorneys for the Merchants National Bank, the Keokuk Water Power Company, the Citizens Water Company, the Perkins, Chamberlain and Barhydt estates and for other prominent clients.

On the 3d of February, 1904, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia Barnes Blake and they have had three children: Richard, who was born April 17, 1906, and died June 15, 1912; Robert Edgar, born May 8, 1911; and Lucia Hurd, born April 3, 1914.

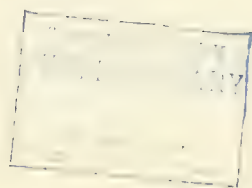
Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. For the past five years he has been superintendent of the Sunday school, is a most earnest worker in that direction and is affiliated with the State Sunday School Association. He is also a member of the state executive committee of the Young Men's Christian Association and is often in demand in various parts of Iowa as a speaker at the larger religious gatherings. He belongs to the Golf Club and to the Shokokuquom Boat Club and he likewise holds membership in the Commercial Exchange. In politics he is a republican but has never aspired to office, realizing that law is a jealous mistress. He prefers that his public duties shall be done as a private citizen and to that extent he cooperates in all movements for the benefit of Burlington. Nature and heredity endowed him with keen mentality and he has used his talents wisely and well. To his intellectual qualities he has added the discipline and embellishments of culture and his is an attractive personality, especially to the young. Well versed in the learning of his profession and with a deep knowledge of the springs of human conduct, with extraordinary tact, although still a young man, he is in the courts an advocate of power and influence, an effective speaker before judge or jury. He has been engaged in the trial of cases of a class not usually intrusted to the younger professional men. Whether in his profession or in any other sphere, he works with his might and with a deep sense of conscientious obligation and thus has developed that executive ability which comes only through wide experience.

F. H. A. KOCH.

It was left to a man of German birth, F. H. A. Koch, of Burlington, Iowa, to found one of the important insurance organizations of the state, the German-American Mutual Life Association. This company was organized by Mr. Koch in 1887 as the German-American Equation Premium Life Association, and later adopted



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its present style as the German-American Life Insurance Company of Iowa.

Mr. Koch was born in Westphalia, Germany, September 26, 1845, and was educated in the public schools of that country. In 1867, when about twenty-two years of age, he came to the United States in search of greater opportunities. He first located in Pittsfield, Pike county, Illinois, where he became a dealer in musical instruments and also acted as agent for life and fire insurance. He so continued for a time, but in order to perfect himself in business English and business methods he entered Wesleyan College at Warrenton, Missouri, where he studied for some time. Later he returned to Pittsfield and resumed his business, remaining there until 1886. During this time he had made a thorough study of life insurance and had formulated and perfected in his fertile brain a plan for carrying on such a business independently. When he came to Burlington, Iowa, in 1887 he realized his plans by organizing a company, of which he became secretary, and which had an auspicious beginning and continued to prosper. Mr. Koch perfected an entirely new plan of insurance based on the equation premium plan, under which the company was reorganized as the German-American Equation Premium Life Association, Mr. Koch remaining as secretary and continuing in that office until his death. The business was large and satisfactory and the prosperous condition of the institution must be ascribed to the systematic efforts of our subject, who tirelessly worked for the extension of the business. It was his intimate and expert knowledge that was the foundation of the success of this insurance company, now known as the German-American Life Insurance Company of Iowa. In addition Mr. Koch was secretary of the General Agency Company, which had charge of the agency business of the insurance association.

At Pittsfield, Illinois, on April 4, 1877, Mr. Koch was married to Miss Elizabeth Catherine Herling, of Rushville, Illinois, and to them were born nine children, and those living are: Dr. F. E., Lewis H. and Robert Koch. Mrs. Koch resides in Burlington, making her home at No. 715 South Garfield avenue.

Mr. Koch always took a deep interest in church work and was a member of the Locust Street German Methodist Episcopal church, to which he belonged for twenty-six years. In the earlier struggles for the existence of the organization which he founded he acted as local preacher and was also superintendent of the Sunday school. He represented the Burlington district as a lay delegate to the general conference at Buffalo, New York, in 1896, and at the time of

his death was a trustee of the church. Fraternally Mr. Koch was a member of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and also belonged to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he was a republican, but not an active party man. Mr. Koch died October 1, 1911, and thus passed away one of those men who had made valuable contributions toward the growth of Burlington. He was honored and respected by all who knew him for what he had accomplished and for those characteristics which had made possible his achievements. His untarnished name is the most precious heritage which he left to his family.

FRANK M. TOMBAUGH, M. D.

Dr. Frank M. Tombaugh, an eminent surgeon of Burlington, was born in Odell, Illinois, August 27, 1869, a son of Mathias and Elvira (Leatherman) Tombaugh. The father was a farmer and teacher and filled the position of county superintendent of schools for many years while residing in Livingston county, Illinois, his efforts being a most potent element in promoting the educational interests of his section of the state. Both he and his wife are deceased.

Dr. Tombaugh acquired a public-school education. His parents, however, were ambitious for him to advance still farther along intellectual lines and his own desires supplemented their wishes. Accordingly he became a student in the Illinois Wesleyan University and in literary learning laid the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge. In due time he matriculated in the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago and won his degree upon graduation with the class of 1896. He then put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test in eighteen months' service as interne in Mercy Hospital of Chicago and at the end of that time he was appointed medical examiner for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Galesburg, Illinois, where he remained for two years. On the 1st of November, 1899, he arrived in Burlington and for ten years occupied the position of examiner for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company and also through that decade continued in general practice. In 1910, however, he severed his connection with railroad work and now confines his efforts to surgery. Such is the high reputation which he has won in this connection that he is over-burdened by the demands made upon him. He has done post-graduate work in medical colleges of both

Chicago and Philadelphia and has carried his investigations far and wide into the realms of modern scientific surgery. His intellectual perception is supplemented by a steady hand and calm nerve, which renders him quiet and composed in the face of the greatest emergencies.

On the 12th of October, 1898, Dr. Tombaugh was united in marriage to Miss Annettie Butler, of Sheldon, Illinois, a daughter of L. M. and Rachel Butler, the former a merchant of that place. Dr. and Mrs. Tombaugh have become parents of two children, Helen Rachel and Ruth Elizabeth. The parents are consistent members of the Methodist church and Dr. Tombaugh is also an exemplary representative of the Masonic lodge. His political indorsement is given to the republican party, but he does not seek nor desire the honors or emoluments of office. He belongs to the Des Moines County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and has been honored with the presidency of the county organization. A spirit of progressiveness has characterized all his professional service, for he keeps in constant touch with advanced thought and improved methods in surgical practice and his efforts have been of the utmost benefit to mankind in this section of the state.

C. H. MOHLAND.

For two decades C. H. Mohland has been a member of the Burlington bar and has made for himself a creditable position among the able lawyers here practicing. Iowa claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred at Sigourney on the 11th of February, 1850, his parents being Martin and Julia (Leurs) Mohland, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to the United States in 1832 and were among the pioneer residents of Burlington, there taking up their abode in 1839, when the city was but a small village of little commercial or industrial prominence. On May 1, 1843, the interior of the state of Iowa was opened up for settlement and at twelve o'clock at night of April 30 of that year Martin Mohland with four other German citizens of Burlington were marking off their homesteads in the new purchase. On the land then selected the remaining days of the parents were passed and on this farm C. H. Mohland was born and grew to manhood.

C. H. Mohland is indebted to the public school system of his native county for his early education, which was supplemented by

two years' study in Oskaloosa College. In early life and when yet a minor he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in the country schools for five years during the winter seasons, while during the balance of the year he was employed on his father's farm. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step to further professional labor and with the desire to become a member of the bar entered the law department of the State University at Iowa City, from which he was graduated with the class of 1877. He then returned to Sigourney for practice and remained an active member of the profession there for fourteen years, during which time he was the first county attorney of Keokuk county. Seeking a broader field of labor, he removed to Burlington on the 1st of March, 1894, and for twenty years has been a well known representative of the bar of this city, his ability winning for him well deserved recognition and gaining its merited reward in a large and substantial practice. He is well qualified to handle important litigated interests, and never fails to gain a thorough preparation, which is the basis of success in the courts.

In 1882 Mr. Mohland was united in marriage to Miss Lettie Merz of Sigourney, and they have two living children, Mrs. Fred S. Holsteen and Carl Mohland. Mr. Mohland belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Crystal Lake Club and as he is a great lover of outdoor life, much of his leisure time is spent on the grounds and waters of that beautiful pleasure resort. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party. He has never sought nor held office, however, outside the strict path of his profession and has always regarded the pursuits of private life as in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts, and throughout his connection with the bar his devotion to his clients' interests has been proverbial.

WILLIAM MAGEL.

William Magel is living retired in Burlington, but for a long period was connected with general agricultural pursuits and thereby won the competence that now enables him to rest from further labor. His birth occurred at Rock Springs, in Union township, this county, on the 4th of March, 1842, his parents being Seibert and Mary (Licht) Magel, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born in 1812 and the latter in 1821. They came to Iowa at the same time—in the year 1835—Mrs. Magel making the trip in company

with her parents. It was in Des Moines county that she gave her hand in marriage to Seibert Magel and here they spent their remaining days, their home being on a farm on Avery Road, west of Burlington. A life of intelligently directed industry enabled Mr. Magel to convert a tract of wild land into a highly improved farm. His place comprised one hundred and ninety acres and from it he derived a substantial annual income. His death occurred when he was eighty-five years old, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-five. They were consistent Christian people, holding membership in the Evangelical church. In their family were ten children who reached maturity: Elizabeth, the deceased wife of William Hillgartner; William; Henry, who is living in Burlington; Charles, a resident of Sidney, Iowa; Conrad, of Twin Falls, Idaho; Mary, the widow of Julius Schafer, of Central avenue, Burlington; Theodore, who was killed by a horse in Fremont county, Iowa; Peter, of Burlington; Maggie, the wife of Henry Steyh, living on Central avenue, Burlington; and Benjamin, also of this city.

William Magel was reared upon the old homestead farm with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm boy. In 1861, however, he left home and crossed the plains with ox teams to Idaho, remaining in the west until the fall of 1864, when he returned. He had devoted his time to gold mining, but only met with fair success. After his return he engaged in farming with his father for a year and then carried on agricultural pursuits on his own account for another year.

On the 23d of March, 1866, Mr. Magel was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Hilleary, who was born in Union township near Rock Springs in 1846, a daughter of Jackson Hilleary, a pioneer farmer of Des Moines county who came to this state from Virginia. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Magel removed to Flint River township, where he carried on farming until 1901, when he purchased his present home at No. 501 Gunnison street in Burlington and here still resides. His farm comprised ninety-four acres of land, which he sold to his son-in-law.

To Mr. and Mrs. Magel were born six children: Ollie, the wife of Allen Barnette, who is living upon the old homestead; L. B., a resident of Union township; William H., who is located on Garfield avenue in Burlington; Iva, the wife of Louis Schultz, of St. Louis; Albert E., whose home is a mile north of Burlington; and Nellie, the wife of Arthur Wolhwend, also of Burlington.

Mr. Magel gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, but has never sought nor desired office. His entire life up to the time

of his retirement was devoted to farming and the careful management which he displayed in his business affairs brought him a substantial measure of success. Year by year he carefully tilled his fields and as time passed he gained a substantial competence from the sale of his harvests. There have been no spectacular phases in his life, but the record has always been an honorable one and thus he enjoys the high regard of those with whom he has been associated.

HERMAN F. MELZIAN.

Herman F. Melzian, a well known druggist of Burlington conducting business at No. 1437 Osborn street, corner of Oak, is a native son of this city, his birth having occurred at No. 1511 North Eighth street, October 25, 1875, in the home of his parents, Frederick and Dora (Ricke) Melzian. The father was born at Croja in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, August 4, 1843, and died December 27, 1907. He came to America in 1866, making his way direct to Burlington, where a few German Baptists had preceded him. It was at their suggestion that he made this city his destination. He was one of the early employes of the E. D. Rand Lumber Company, having secured work in their yards soon after his arrival and remaining there until his life's labors were ended. His wife, who was also born in the kingdom of Hanover, died when their son Herman was but two years of age. In the family of Mr. Melzian were nine children, of whom five still survive. Those of his first marriage are: Minnie, now the wife of H. C. Lohmann, of Burlington; Mary, the wife of Peter Nelson, also of this city; Emma, who became the wife of Herman A. Marquardt, of Bloomington, Illinois, and resided in Burlington until her death, which occurred February 14, 1896, when she was twenty-one years of age; and Herman F., of this review. Several years after the death of his first wife Mr. Melzian wedded Miss Sophia Ficken, who was born in Oldenburg, Germany, in 1843. She was married in 1879, six weeks after reaching Burlington, and she died March 19, 1884, on the forty-first anniversary of her birth. By that marriage there were two children, twins. The son died at birth and the daughter, Clara, is now the wife of Henry G. Goerner, occupying the old family home at No. 1216 Oak street. In 1886 Mr. Melzian wedded Mary Sander, a daughter of the Rev. John Henry Sander, who was a Baptist minister from Germany and because of religious persecution sought a home in the new world. On

one occasion he was imprisoned in Germany because of his religious belief. After coming to America he was at the head of the Baptist denomination in his section of Iowa for many years. He has passed away but has left behind him a memory which is honored and cherished by all who knew him. To Mr. Melzian by his third marriage there was born one daughter, Ruth, who is attending the university at Iowa City, where she is specializing in English and German courses, desiring to become an instructor along those lines. Mrs. Melzian, the widow, now resides with her stepdaughter, Mrs. Goerner. Frederick Melzian, his wives and children have all been devoted members of the German Baptist church, in the work of which he took a very active part and filled a number of church offices. His was an active, useful life, and he was a law-abiding and public-spirited citizen, greatly respected by all who knew him.

Herman F. Melzian attended the North Oak street school, then under the care of Professor Logan Steece, and afterward was a pupil in the high school. He spent several years as an employe in a drug store and studied pharmacy with the aid of instruction from the National Institute of Chicago. Thus he was able to pass the required examination before the state board of pharmacy, receiving his certificate in May, 1897. For nine years he was a salesman in the drug store of D. D. Robinson of Burlington and for a short period was in a Chicago drug store. He afterward clerked for the Robinson Drug Company of Burlington for eight years, and in May, 1907, he opened his present business at No. 1437 Osborn street, corner of Oak, where he has since been conducting a successful trade. In his store is also located the postal sub-station No. 6, which was established in December, 1910. In 1913 he handled about ten thousand dollars for the government in the postal business and the amount exceeded that in 1914. The parcel post handled in March, 1914, alone numbered eighteen hundred and thirty-one pieces of mail, weighing over two and a quarter tons.

On the 21st of March, 1901, Mr. Melzian was married to Miss Bianca E. Hubner, who was born in Burlington, March 22, 1875, a daughter of August and Anna (Zurmuehlen) Hubner. Her father was the president of the Dallas Transportation Company, having an office in Burlington and another in Dallas, Illinois. He was born in Breslau, Germany, in 1848, and in the early '70s arrived in Burlington, where he conducted for a time a popular restaurant but for twenty years was at the head of the Dallas Transportation Company. He died October 3, 1907, and his widow, who was born in Burlington, January 13, 1854, now resides at No. 1100 Division street. Mr.

and Mrs. Hubner had eight children and all still survive. Adolph, who possesses much native talent and ability as an artist, is now the owner of a fine photographic studio in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Melzian is the second of the family. Gerhardt is a resident of Oregon. Edward makes his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Anna is the wife of Roy L. Tharp, of Burlington. Clara is at home. Bertha is the wife of Robert Burdette Dale, a professor of civil engineering in Ames College. Alma is employed as a stenographer by Albert Philips of the Empire Line Company.

To Mr. and Mrs. Melzian has been born a daughter, Dorothy Anna, who was born in Burlington, March 1, 1903, and attends the Lauman school in which her father was once a pupil, although the name has been changed since that time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Melzian are devoted members of the German Baptist church and for some years prior to her marriage she was church organist, while Mr. Melzian was president of the Young People's Society. Mrs. Melzian has always assisted her husband in his business. He purchased from Ferdinand Pietzsch a two-story brick block containing both store and dwelling. For the past four years Mrs. Melzian has conducted the business of the subpostal station as well as acting as bookkeeper for the store. Both are representatives of old and substantial German families of Burlington and are widely and favorably known in this city. Mr. Melzian has long been recognized as a man of business enterprise, sagacity and determination, and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life empty-handed and has worked his way upward through capability, determined effort and honorable dealing.

JOHN J. FLEMING.

The name of John J. Fleming is well known in the financial circles of Burlington, especially in connection with activity in the field of banking and the management of estates. His business interests, however, have covered a wide range and have established him as one of the leading residents of Des Moines county. He is a man of resolute purpose and keen sagacity, who by his upright and honorable business methods has won the esteem and confidence of his wide circle of acquaintances.

Mr. Fleming comes to Iowa from the south, his birth having occurred in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, March 19, 1851, his parents



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being the late Judge and Mrs. Michael Fleming. The former was a son of John Fleming, who at one time carried on merchandising in Mitchellstown, County Cork, Ireland, and was also a prominent and active figure in political circles there. He was known as a pacificator, serving as a lieutenant under the famous Daniel O'Connell, the distinguished political leader of Ireland, during the troublous period of 1798-9, or just prior to the passage of the act of 1800 which took from Ireland her political rights.

The father of the subject of this sketch was born at Mitchellstown, Ireland, in 1823, and came to America in 1841, settling at St. John's, New Brunswick, later removing to Boston and then to New Orleans, where he was married and remained for a number of years, conducting a barrel and stave factory. He removed to Burlington, Iowa, in 1858. At different times after coming to Burlington he held public office, serving for ten years as police magistrate and also as justice of the peace. He possessed a studious nature and was a well read man. His political allegiance was given the democratic party, which found in him a stalwart and active advocate. He was a loyal member of the Catholic church, to which he gave generously. His principles were further manifest in his advocacy and support of the temperance cause. A contemporary biographer has said of him: "He was a man of high principles, conscientious in purpose, upright in action, and never faltering in the performance of any duty which devolved upon him." In his official service he was a terror to habitual criminals, for they knew that he would not exert clemency when justice demanded punishment. He was serving as magistrate at the time of the great railroad strike, and he did as much as any one man to keep the lawbreakers from interfering with those who worked for the railroad company.

The subject of the sketch, John J. Fleming, was a little lad of about seven years when he accompanied his parents northward to Burlington, where he acquired his preliminary education in the parochial and public schools. After completion of a two years' academic course at Notre Dame University, of Indiana, he started out in the business world as a clerk in the wholesale drygoods house of H. D. Howard & Company, of Burlington. When his employer sold out to L. H. Dalhoff & Company he remained with the firm as bookkeeper until he resigned to enter the office of the Burlington & Missouri Railroad Company as chief clerk and assistant paymaster. He spent two years in that capacity and then became actively identified with financial circles of Burlington as an employe of the National State Bank. Gradually he worked his way upward

until he became cashier, acting in that capacity for fifteen years of the twenty-seven-year period in which he was in the bank. In 1900 he resigned his position and took charge of the affairs of Mrs. E. D. Rand as her trustee, and likewise assumed the management of the property of Charles W. Rand, of whose will he was made executor. In connection therewith he is engaged in the loan and investment business, retaining his interest in the National State Bank, of which he is one of the directors. He is now vice president of the Burlington Savings Bank. He is likewise president of the Burlington Construction Company, engaged in the building of sewers, pavements and public and private buildings. In all of his business affairs he readily discriminates between the essential and the non-essential, discarding the latter and utilizing the former to the best possible advantage. He is an excellent judge of human nature, and has thus been able to surround himself with employes capable of doing the service intrusted to them. His business interests are broad and varied and have constituted an important element in the material upbuilding and advancement of the city.

In May, 1884, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage at Parker, Pennsylvania, to Miss Mary Bracken, who was there born on the 13th of February, 1863, a daughter of Patrick and Esther M. Bracken. Her father conducted an extensive business in Pennsylvania and Maryland as a contractor, built all of the Western Maryland Railroad and parts of the line now included in the Pennsylvania railroad system. Later he operated extensively in the development of the oil fields of Pennsylvania, and when he passed away in 1892 he was laid to rest in the Oil City cemetery. He married Miss Esther M. Braden, a representative of one of the old Pennsylvania families and a descendant of ex-Governor Johnson of Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have become parents of six children: Esther Marie, Philip Bracken, Agnes, Elizabeth Pollard, Mary Braden and John J. Liberal educational advantages have been accorded the children. The two eldest daughters, like the mother, are graduates of Mount Aloysius Academy at Cresson, Pennsylvania. The second daughter, Agnes, later graduated from St. Elizabeth's College, Morristown, New York. The elder son, Philip, is a graduate of West Point Military Academy and is at the present writing a first lieutenant in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army. The family are communicants of St. Paul's Catholic church, in which both Mr. and Mrs. Fleming take an active and helpful interest.

Mr. Fleming has always taken a deep and active interest in the things which make for the moral and intellectual betterment of the community in which he lives. He has long been a trustee of the Burlington Free Public Library and is now president of the board of trustees. He is also treasurer of the Visiting Nurse Association and vice chairman of the local branch of the Red Cross. He was for three years state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, of which organization he is still an active and ardent member, having represented Iowa at nearly all of its national conventions for the past ten years. He is also a member of the Burlington Golf Club and the Catholic Club of New York city. His life has been one of intense and well directed activity. While he stands today among the leading business men of the city, his efforts have been of a character which have contributed largely to public progress as well, and at no time has he confined his attention so closely to business as to exclude active participation in those things which result in the intellectual, social and moral progress of the community.

JOSHUA W. HOLIDAY, M. D.

Dr. Joshua W. Holiday, a well known and capable physician of Burlington, has the further distinction of having been the youngest captain in Sherman's army during the Civil war. He is well known in eastern Iowa as an able representative of professional interests, having practiced for eight years in Louisa county before coming to Burlington in the year 1877. He was born in Greene county, Ohio, on the 31st of May, 1846, and is a son of John P. and Frances (Wright) Holiday. The father was a contractor and builder but after coming to Iowa turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm in Jefferson county in 1855. There he established his home and maintained his residence to the time of his death.

His son, Joshua W. Holiday, was sent to the public schools and afterward had the benefit of instruction in Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa. He was but seventeen years of age when in 1863 he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of the Eighth Iowa Cavalry, with which he was mustered out in 1865 following the close of hostilities. He entered the army as a private and was advanced from one rank to another until he became captain of Company B, Eighth Iowa Cavalry. His promotion was worthily won, and though there were many in his command who were much

his senior, he had the entire respect and loyalty of his company, who found him not only a good disciplinarian but also a leader who inspired his men by reason of his own valor and fidelity. He saw much active service, participating in the march under Sherman from Atlanta to the sea and in numerous hotly contested battles which led up to the final victory that crowned the Union arms.

When the war was over Dr. Holiday resumed his education, attending school for another year and then, wishing to become a member of the medical profession, he began reading in the office and under the direction of Dr. Mohr at Fairfield and was admitted to practice in 1869. He then opened an office at Morning Sun, Louisa county, where he remained for eight years, coming to Burlington in 1877. Thirty-seven years of connection with the medical profession of this city indicates without further comment that his career has been a successful one. His skill and ability has won him a place in the foremost rank of medical practitioners in Burlington and he has ever kept in touch with the trend of modern thought, employing advanced scientific methods in all of his practice.

On the 23d of June, 1869, Dr. Holiday was united in marriage to Miss Emma Davis, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, who has passed away. To them were born three children, as follows: John W.; Harry; and Maud, now Mrs. W. L. Cochran. The Doctor later married Miss Martha Gregg of Burlington, and they had two children: Frank; and Sadie, who is still at home. Mrs. Holiday passed away in 1910. Doctor Holiday is well known in Masonic circles as a member of the lodge and chapter and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has never sought nor desired public office, yet has never been neglectful of the duties of citizenship, and his influence is always on the side of advancement and improvement in community affairs as well as in professional connections.

MRS. CATE GILBERT WELLS.

Mrs. Cate Gilbert Wells is one of Iowa's well known women whose interests and activities are of great breadth as indicated in the number and variety of organizations with which she is connected, organizations which stand for culture along art and literary lines, for patriotic achievement and for civic betterment. She is one of Burlington's native daughters and acquired her primary education in the Gordon school and the Chapman-Benedict School for young

women in New York city. She afterward spent nearly two years abroad, gaining that wide knowledge, experience and culture which only travel can bring. She visited various points on the European continent and in the Orient, and while traveling on the Nile she met in the temple of Karnak, Charles W. Wells, to whom she was married on the 7th of June, 1892. Both she and her husband could trace their lineage back to the same source. Her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Stevens Merrill, was in her maidenhood Mehetabel Worthley Wells, through whom the ancestral line of Mrs. Cate Gilbert Wells connects with that of her husband in the father of Thomas Wells, of England, who came to America in 1635, a deacon and doctor and member of The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston. Samuel Wells, of Plymouth, New Hampshire, served in the Revolutionary war, participating in the battle of White Plains and other engagements. The Wells family has a prominent ecclesiastical branch including various bishops and archbishops, among them being Bishop Hugo de Wells, who draughted the Magna Charta. It was members of this branch of the family who founded the Lincoln and the Wells cathedrals and took a prominent part in the War of the Crusades. William the Conqueror granted the manor of Wells to Baron Ricardus de Welles in 1068.

Charles W. Wells died May 21, 1897, in Phoenix, Arizona, and was survived by his wife and two children, but the daughter, Catherine, passed away June 11, 1897, just a few weeks after her father's demise. The son, Gilbert, was born in 1893 and was educated at St. John's Military Academy of Wisconsin and Pomfret School, Pomfret, Connecticut.

Mrs. Wells is serving on the music committee of the National Federation of Women's Clubs and is on three state committees. She is one of the best known club women and social leaders in the middle west. Her home life was such as stimulated her interest in literature and all elevating influences. She is now serving as regent of the Burlington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a position she formerly occupied during several terms. She is, and has been for eighteen years, the president of the Burlington Musical Club, which has grown from a very small organization to one with nearly six hundred members and in the course of its existence has had most of the musical celebrities of the world on its programs. Mrs. Wells was appointed by the mayor of Burlington to represent the city at the National Peace Conference, held in St. Louis, and was appointed by the federation of the state to act as a state delegate to the convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, held in

Chicago from June 9-19, 1914. She was also a delegate to the congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held in Washington in April, 1914, as in many previous years. Her home, Hickory Hill, is one of the most picturesque and attractive in Burlington and has been the home of four generations of the family. It reflects the brilliant mind and cultured taste of Mrs. Wells, whose talents and ability have led her to the position of leadership which she occupies. The circle of her friends includes many of the most prominent women in club and social life and literary circles throughout the country.

CHARLES HENRY MAGEE, M. D.

Most liberal educational training fitted Dr. Charles Henry Magee for the practice of medicine, and since entering upon the active work of the profession he has continually broadened his knowledge by reading, investigation and post-graduate work both in this country and abroad. He came to Burlington in 1901 and now specializes to a considerable extent in general surgery. He was born in Putnam county, Missouri, October 12, 1859, and is a son of Oliver P. and Caroline M. (White) Magee. The father was a farmer by occupation and thus provided for the support of his family.

Reared on a Missouri farm, Dr. Magee attended the public schools near his father's home and afterward entered the Kirksville (Mo.) Normal School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1884. His preliminary training for a professional career was obtained in the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. For further study he entered the University of Pennsylvania and won the M. D. degree upon completing a course in the medical department with the class of 1891. He has never ceased to be a close student of his profession and aside from broad reading he has taken post-graduate work in the University of London in 1895, in the Rotunda of Dublin in 1896 and also in New York and in Chicago. He entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Unionville, Missouri, where he remained for ten years and then in 1901 came to Burlington, where he has since lived. He specializes in general surgery and is most skilled in this branch of the profession, having wide and accurate knowledge of anatomy and the component parts of the human body, of the onslaughts made upon it by disease or left to it as a legacy by progeni-

tors. Moreover, he is cool and calm in an emergency and his ability has carried him to a prominent position among the leading members of the profession in the state. He is a member of the Des Moines County Medical Society, of which he served as president for two years, the Southeastern Iowa Medical Society, the Des Moines Valley Medical Association, the Iowa Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

In 1902 Doctor Magee was united in marriage to Miss Emma B. DeVore, of Oquawka, Illinois, and they have a son, Robert Burns. Doctor Magee is a democrat in his political views, while his fraternal relations are with the Masons and the Eagles. Laudable ambition, a love of scientific research and broad humanitarian spirit have been the salient points in his professional career which have brought him to the creditable position which he now occupies.

E. D. ADAMS.

E. D. Adams is the first vice president of the Drake Hardware Company. Starting out for himself when a youth of seventeen years, he has been continuously connected with the hardware trade and it has been his diligence and persistency of purpose which have gained for him advancement until he now occupies a most creditable position in the commercial circles of Burlington as the vice president of the Drake Hardware Company. He was born in Canajoharie, New York, and is a representative of an old New England family long established in Massachusetts. His parents were John Q. and Mary (Wetmore) Adams, who for an extended period lived in New York, the father conducting business as a furniture dealer in Canajoharie.

In the public schools of that city E. D. Adams pursued his education and when seventeen years of age, his text-books having been put aside, he turned his attention to commercial pursuits, securing employment in a hardware establishment in the Empire state. He remained in the east until 1888 and then came to Burlington, since which time he has been identified with the Drake Hardware Company. The business at that time was conducted by L. H. Drake and he represented the house upon the road as a traveling salesman. In 1891, upon the organization of the Drake Hardware Company, he was made its vice president and has been connected with the business in that connection continuously since. He remained upon the road until 1900 and since that time has been active in directing the affairs

of the business in the office. His long experience as a traveling salesman has made him thoroughly familiar with the trade and its demands and he has in his business career ever realized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement.

In 1895 Mr. Adams was united in marriage to Miss Anna Renfrew, of What Cheer, Iowa, and they have one child, Mary Elizabeth. Mr. Adams votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church and he has membership relations with the Commercial Exchange and with the Golf Club. He finds recreation in the latter and in the former sees his opportunity for cooperation with the plans and movements for the city's upbuilding and development. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the middle west and during the twenty-six years of his residence in Burlington he has gained the high respect and warm regard of many with whom he has come in contact.

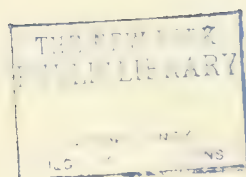
FREDERICK SCHMIEG.

Frederick Schmieg, who passed away on the 30th of January, 1915, was a notable example of the possible activity of age. Many seem to regard it as but the natural course of events that a man in his later years should lack the power to continue in business, seeming to think that old age must necessarily indicate idleness or want of occupation. The record of Mr. Schmieg, however, stands as proof to the contrary, for although he passed the eighty-ninth milestone on life's journey, he was hale and hearty and remained a factor in the commercial and manufacturing circles of Burlington until his death, giving out of the rich stores of his wisdom and experience for the benefit of others.

Mr. Schmieg was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, in Germany, June 10, 1825. His father died before he was born and his mother passed away soon afterward. He was then reared by an aunt, whose devotion to him he repaid in after years in many ways, among them by providing for her invalid daughter as long as the latter lived. He received a liberal education, studying both Greek and Latin, and after finishing his course in the gymnasium was employed in the post-office at Limburg, where, he often said, he had learned promptness and received most valuable training.



P. Schmieg



In 1849, at the age of twenty-four years, Mr. Schmieg crossed the Atlantic to the United States, landing in New York in May. During the following summer he worked on a farm in Ohio and in the fall of that year came to Burlington, making the trip overland by team. During the winter he made preparations to cross the plains with a party who were going to seek gold in California and in the spring of 1850 he started on the long journey westward. The party consisted of sixty, including one woman. Among the number were two from Burlington, who remained his lifelong friends, these being Thornton Delaschmutt, now eighty-nine years of age, and John Parkes, eighty-five, who are still residents of Des Moines county. Mr. Schmieg remained almost four years in California, working in the mines near Georgetown, and, although he was one of the youngest of the miners and had only an imperfect knowledge of English, he was chosen foreman and given full authority to manage the affairs of the company. Leaving the Golden state in 1854, he crossed the Isthmus of Panama and proceeded to New York and on to Philadelphia, arriving in Burlington the following autumn.

As the result of the success which he had achieved upon the Pacific coast Mr. Schmieg was enabled to embark in business on his own account. He first bought a mill near Lowell, but this was carried away by high water and ice in the spring of 1857. He then engaged in the retail grocery business with his brother-in-law, J. R. Nelson, but the partnership was dissolved during the Civil war, and shortly afterward Mr. Schmieg opened a retail drygoods store in company with another brother-in-law, Charles F. Schramm. In 1881 the firm turned their attention to the wholesale trade and they continued in business together until 1904, when Mr. Schramm passed away. On the last day of the year 1900 their store was destroyed by fire, but, although both were well advanced in years, it never occurred to them that here was an opportunity to retire, but with energy that would have been amazing in younger men they resumed business at once. The business was incorporated in 1905 and in 1912 was moved to the present site of the store at the corner of Third and Valley streets. Here they occupy three stories and basement, and it was the intention of Mr. Schmieg to add two more stories in a building sixty by one hundred and twenty feet. The business became an extensive one and thirteen traveling salesmen were kept upon the road. The firm also owned a factory and engaged in the manufacture of overalls, employing seventy-five girls in that connection. In their employ were about one hundred and seventy-five people and the business was one of the most extensive enterprises of Burlington.

On the 14th of December, 1854, soon after his return from the west, Mr. Schmieg was united in marriage to Mrs. Matilda (Schramm) Ehrmann, who had lost her first husband three years previously. After a happy married life of almost a half century Mrs. Schmieg passed away in 1904. Mr. Schmieg loved good books, and good music was one of his delights and he was instrumental in sending his nephews, William and Arthur Schramm, to the conservatory of music at Leipsic, Germany. He was a member of the Christian Science church and also of the Commercial Club. In politics he was a stalwart republican from the time of the organization of the party and in the year 1873 served as alderman of Burlington. Throughout his entire life he enjoyed fishing and hunting and killed many wagon loads of ducks and geese.

The life record of Mr. Schmieg constitutes an example well worthy of emulation, for although he had reached the age of eighty-nine years, he always arrived at his office at seven o'clock in the morning. He never abused nature's laws, always took good care of his health and to this may be attributed his splendid physical and mental condition. He was kindhearted and generous and would go out of his way to help one in distress or need. On returning from California there was a young man in the party whom they had to leave in Panama on account of sickness. He had a brother in Chicago and Mr. Schmieg took pains in hunting him up and telling him concerning the one left in Panama. In gratitude this brother offered Mr. Schmieg property in the heart of the city at a nominal figure. Today this property is worth millions. Mr. Schmieg, however, never regretted that he came to Burlington, which city he loved better than any place on earth. For long years he was interested in its development and growth and ever bore a most active and helpful part in its advancement.

GEORGE B. LITTLE, M. D.

Dr. George B. Little was an active representative of the medical profession in Burlington from 1873 until his death, which occurred January 31, 1915, and was a past president of the Des Moines County Medical Society. He was born in Wethersfield, Henry county, Illinois, April 15, 1851, a son of Caleb Jewett Tenney and Eliza Ann (Brooks) Little, both of whom were natives of New Hampshire. The father was a mechanic and wagonmaker and on leaving New

England made his way westward to Illinois in 1837. There he followed his trade until 1850, after which he withdrew from industrial interests to concentrate his efforts upon mercantile business, being thus engaged until he retired from active life.

At the usual age Dr. George B. Little entered the public schools of Illinois and still later took an agricultural course in Manhattan College, Manhattan, Kansas. He began reading medicine in the office and under the direction of Dr. J. F. Todd, of Kewanee, Illinois, and in February, 1873, graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago. He commenced practicing medicine at Burlington in March, 1873, and here he remained, covering a period of forty-two years. His ability was pronounced and public confidence in his professional skill was attested by the liberal practice that was accorded him through all those years. He was a member of the Des Moines County Medical Society, of which he served as the president, and of the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. At his death he was the only surviving charter member of the Des Moines County Medical Society, which was formed in 1873, and he had a copy of the by-laws as set forth at the organization. He always continued in general practice and had the patronage of many of the best families of the city.

On the 14th of May, 1874, in Kewanee, Illinois, Dr. Little was united in marriage to Miss Esther M. Palmer, a daughter of Grove N. and Elizabeth Palmer. They became parents of four children. Palmer J., who was graduated from Rush Medical College of Chicago in 1900, is married and is engaged in the practice of medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. Louise Blanche is the widow of Dudley K. Wilcox and resides in Burlington with her daughter, Elizabeth Jane. Etta Floy is the wife of Sidney F. Bartlett, a resident of White Plains, New York, and they have one son, John Sidney. George B. is a member of the Iowa Coal Company of Burlington.

Dr. Little held membership in the Court of Honor and with the Mystic Workers. He was long a consistent member of the Congregational church and for fifteen years served on its board of trustees. His political allegiance was given the republican party, and he was a stalwart advocate of its principles, yet could never be said to be a politician in the sense of office seeking. He served, however, as a member of the school board and the cause of public education found in him a stalwart champion. He also served as county physician and at his death was the oldest physician of the city in years of continuous residence. To some extent he was then living retired, withdrawing

more and more into private life, but many of his patients were loath to give up his professional service and thus he remained to some extent active in the profession to which he had devoted his entire career and in which he had won for himself a most enviable reputation.

WILLIAM EDGAR BLAKE.

For forty-five years William Edgar Blake has been an active practitioner at the bar of Burlington. He is today one of its oldest representatives in years of continuous connection therewith and throughout the entire period he has occupied a creditable position as an able lawyer, one who is forceful as an advocate, wise as a counselor and who at all times holds strictly to the ethics of his calling. He was born in Morning Sun, Preble county, Ohio, June 27, 1844, a son of Henry Clay and Mary Ann (Wilson) Blake, who on the 10th of October, 1845, arrived in Iowa with their family, settling first in Louisa county. The father was a carpenter and builder by trade and was thus identified with industrial pursuits for a considerable period. He also carried on farming and in his later life devoted his attention to merchandising. At the time of the Civil war, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted for active service, becoming a member of Company C, First Iowa Cavalry, with which he was connected for three years, participating in many a hotly contested battle. Both he and his wife are now deceased. They had a family of five children, of whom two are yet living: W. W., who makes his home in the city of Mexico; and William Edgar. One son, Melville E., who died in 1901, practiced in connection with his brother William for twenty-five years.

Throughout practically his entire life William Edgar Blake has made his home in Iowa, but went to Illinois for the completion of his more specifically literary education, being graduated from Monmouth College with the class of 1867. He qualified for his profession in the law department of the State University of Iowa City and was graduated with the class of 1869. He then came to Burlington, opened an office and has since practiced in this city, being actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. He

is a strong advocate with the jury, and concise in his appeals before the court. He has always continued in the general practice of law and throughout the period of his residence in Burlington has maintained membership relations in the Burlington, Des Moines County and Iowa State Bar Associations.

On the 4th of July, 1867, Mr. Blake was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Lucretia Hurd, who died in September, 1902. In November, 1903, he wedded S. E. Jagger, of Burlington. He has two daughters: Mrs. W. B. Swan, now living in Memphis, Tennessee; and Mrs. Lucretia B. Wilson, whose home is in this city.

Mr. Blake has been identified with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and although he has been interested in the science of government and in the questions relating to municipal welfare, he has preferred to concentrate his efforts upon his professional duties rather than seek or fill office. His life has ever been actuated by high and honorable principles and he is today known as a devoted and faithful member of the Presbyterian church and of the Young Men's Christian Association.

CHARLES R. HUTCHISON.

Charles R. Hutchison is the vice president and secretary of the Rankin Coal & Ice Company of Burlington, in which connection a large and growing business has been developed along lines that conform to the highest standards of commercial ethics. Enterprise, close application and determination have been the salient features in the conduct of the business and the trade has steadily increased. Mr. Hutchison was born in West Burlington, November 8, 1889, a son of Charles J. and Sarah (Rankin) Hutchison. The great-grandfather in the maternal line was David Rankin, a soldier of the War of 1812, and his son and namesake, the grandfather of Mr. Hutchison, was a soldier of the Civil war. The father was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, in 1838, and died on the 5th of April, 1906, having for exactly two years survived his wife, who passed away on the 5th of April, 1904. She was then fifty-five years of age, her birth having occurred in Canton, Cherokee county, Texas, in 1849. Charles J. Hutchison was a captain and pilot on the Ohio river and afterward for nine years commanded the old John Taylor, a ferry boat running out of Burlington. In the family was a daughter, Marion, now the wife of H. B. Radford, a resident of Kirkwood, Missouri.

Charles R. Hutchison, the only son, was educated in the schools of West Burlington and on starting out in life independently worked on a farm at Middletown for one year. He was later employed as messenger boy by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies for a year and a half and subsequently spent three years on the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers in the lighthouse service. In October, 1911, he entered the employ of T. R. Rankin & Company as collector and solicitor, occupying that position for more than a year. He became a member of the firm on the 1st of March, 1913, and as vice president and secretary has done not a little since that time in shaping the policy and conducting the affairs of the company, now known as the Rankin Coal & Ice Company, contributing in large measure to its success. The business of the firm is constantly growing and their patronage is now extensive and gratifying.

On the 24th of June, 1913, Mr. Hutchison was united in marriage to Miss Laura Guenther, who was born in Dubuque, Iowa, a daughter of Charles Guenther. They now reside at No. 418 Dunham street and they have one child, Marion, who was born in Burlington, May 8, 1914. In politics Mr. Hutchison is a progressive but is not an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen of the World. Starting out in the business world empty-handed and working as a farm hand, he has steadily advanced through his own persistency of purpose and indefatigable energy, and that he now ranks among the representative and progressive young business men of the city is due to his well formulated and carefully executed plans.

HENRY J. STADTLANDER.

It is meet that a record of Henry J. Stadtländer find a place upon the pages of Burlington's history, for he has long been identified with its industrial and commercial interests, and as a business man has occupied a creditable position. He was born on Court street, in Burlington, in January, 1853, and after entering upon his business career in early manhood he worked as a coremaker in the foundry and machine shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at West Burlington. He had acquired his education in the public schools, and in this city learned the coremaker's trade. For a long period he continued in active connection with industrial interests, while at the present time he acts as assistant to his son in the ice cream parlor and manufactory of H. F. Stadtländer.

In his political views Mr. Stadtlander has ever been an earnest democrat, persistently supporting the party and its principles, yet never seeking nor desiring office on his own account. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, but has always preferred to give his leisure time to his home and has ever been a devoted husband and father.

Mr. Stadtlander was united in marriage in 1881 to Miss Louisa Beck, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1863, and was brought by her parents to Burlington when a little maiden of ten years, since which time she has resided in this city. To Mr. and Mrs. Stadtlander have been born four children: Clara, who is now the wife of John Smith, residing on Court street in Burlington; Henry F., also of this city; William J., who married Miss Hulda Steinhauer, by whom he has two children and makes his home with his father; and Edward, at home. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Stadtlander are Alberta, aged three, and Lucile, a year and a half old. The father is engaged in the manufacture of ice cream for his elder brother.

Henry F. Stadtlander, widely and favorably known in connection with the ice cream trade of Burlington, was born at the family home at 859 Court street, his natal day being January 4, 1884. After completing the course in the grammar schools he pursued a commercial course covering a year in Elliott's Business College. His first employment was in carrying water for a company engaged in the building of a street railway on Main street. He was afterward employed for several years in a basket factory, and subsequently he worked for three years in the packing department of the Wyman & Rand Company. In 1910 he opened an ice cream parlor on North Hill, on First North street. He later removed to 1336 North Eighth street. He has been at his present location, No. 935 North Eighth street, for the past two years and is enjoying a fine trade. He manufactures all the ice cream which he handles, selling to both the wholesale and retail trades, and he now has a well-appointed and attractive ice cream parlor which is liberally patronized. His product is equal, if not superior, to any made in the state, and he has won a well-earned reputation along this line. His trade now extends to all parts of the city, as well as to various neighboring towns and villages. His business is steadily growing, and is the result of his unremitting energy, sound judgment as manifest in well-defined plans, and his unfaltering enterprise. He is not afraid to venture where favoring opportunity leads the way, and his even-paced energy has carried him into important relations.

Both the father and son are supporters of the democratic party, the latter having cast his first presidential vote for William J. Bryan, now secretary of state. The name of Stadtklander has long been a synonym for business activity and reliability in Burlington. Both father and son have been active, industrious men, willing to work at anything that promised advancement and thus steadily proceeding toward the goal of success. The father is one of the pioneer settlers of the city, having for sixty-one years lived in Burlington, and he has many warm friends among the older generations here, as well as among the young.

SAMUEL K. TRACY.

Samuel K. Tracy is an able member of the Burlington bar engaged in general practice. He was born in Washington, Iowa, August 25, 1848, and is a son of Samuel Kenny and Antoinette (Stone) Kenny. The father arrived in Iowa in 1843 and settled at Washington following his removal from Baltimore, Maryland, where up to that time he had made his home.

Reared in Burlington, Iowa, Samuel K. Tracy acquired his early education in the public schools and was afterward graduated from the Burlington Collegiate Institute with the class of 1868. Attracted toward a professional career, he began reading law in the office of and under the direction of Judge Joshua Tracy, his stepfather, and Thomas W. Newmann and was admitted to the bar in 1872. He then practiced in Burlington until 1880, when he was appointed assistant general solicitor of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway Company. In 1881 he was advanced to the position of general solicitor and served the company in that capacity for twenty-one years, at the end of which time the road was sold to the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company and Mr. Tracy resumed the private practice of his profession in Burlington. He had in the meantime resided for ten years in Cedar Rapids. He is an able lawyer and has gained distinction at the bar. While he has concentrated his efforts upon civil law, he is well versed in all departments of jurisprudence, and it is characteristic of him that he prepares his cases with the greatest thoroughness and care, so that he enters the court well qualified to defend his position as well as attack that of his opponent.



SAMUEL K. TRACY

Aside from his law practice Mr. Tracy has figured prominently in business connections. He has been interested in steamboating on the Mississippi river and was president of the Laclede Packet Company, which owned the steamboat packets Pauline and Matt F. Allen, both well known and popular boats used in passenger and freight traffic on the Mississippi river. He has always been interested in such transportation out of love for the river and has done much for its development, and is naturally greatly interested in what is being done throughout the country for the conservation of navigation. He has always been proud of the fact that he was duly licensed by the government of the United States as a pilot and master of steamboats. Long experience has taught him the possibilities and worth of navigation interests, and he believes in utilizing the country's opportunities along that line to the fullest and best possible advantage.

In September, 1872, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Mr. Tracy was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Josephine Hayden, who died at Burlington in 1881. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Florence J. Coldren, now living in Chicago; Mrs. W. E. Wheeler, a resident of Telluride, Colorado; and Hayden, a graduate chiropractic, who is now engaged in active professional work at Algona, Iowa.

Mr. Tracy is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Burlington. His political indorsement has always been given to the democratic party, and he has been a recognized leader in its ranks. He was the candidate for congress from the fifth congressional district of Iowa in 1904, and in 1906 he was nominated for the office of district judge in the same district. Throughout his entire life he has studied the questions which affect the general interests of society and which bear upon community, state and national welfare. He holds to broad and enlightened opinions and upon all vital and significant problems has kept abreast with the best thinking men of the age.

GEORGE W. CAMPBELL.

George W. Campbell, conducting a general contracting business, with offices in Burlington, operates largely in the erection and sale of California bungalows, the most attractive style of architecture lending itself readily to the adornment of lawns and all phases of landscape gardening. Mr. Campbell is a native of Lebanon county,

Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred near Harrisburg, September 3, 1868, and his parents being Daniel and Leah (Gingrich) Campbell. The father was also a native of Pennsylvania and at an early period in the development of Burlington and this section of the state he came to Iowa and learned the blacksmith's trade in Burlington. He was one of the defenders of the Union cause in the Civil war and now rests in a soldier's grave in Aspen Grove cemetery, his death having occurred in the Soldiers' Home at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His wife, who was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, in 1842, still resides in Burlington. In their family were eight children, of whom four are yet living: Milton, who makes his home with his mother; George W.; Edward, a resident of Los Angeles, California; and Frank Campbell, of Des Moines, Iowa.

George W. Campbell was quite young when his parents removed to the west. He pursued his studies in the Madison school of Burlington and first began to earn his living by stripping tobacco for a salary of a dollar and a half per week. He was afterward employed in various sawmills for several years and during that period assisted his parents. Later he engaged in prospecting in the west for a time and in 1892 returned to Burlington, where he took up the business of painting and general contracting. He is still engaged in the latter line and has built a large number of fine houses in the city. He has also platted an addition to Burlington, and, submitting the plans to the city officials, it was accepted and is called Burlington Heights. It comprises twenty-nine lots and the houses in that district are all built in the style of California bungalows. Mr. Campbell works with his men, so that the best results are achieved. He makes the plans and directs the labors of those in his employ and is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of bungalow building and has made Burlington Heights a most attractive residential section. As soon as one of his houses is completed, and sometimes long before, it is sold. The buildings are all up-to-date in every particular, and he closely studies comfort and convenience as well as utility and beauty in his building plans.

On the 16th of October, 1895, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Ahern, a daughter of John and Frances (Simmons) Ahern. Her father was born in Ireland in 1828, made farming his life work and passed away in 1906, his remains being interred in Missouri. His wife, who was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1836, passed away in 1905 and was also buried in Missouri. In their family were nine children, of whom six are yet living: Fannie, the wife of Will Herrick, a resident of Quincy, Illinois; Will, a farmer liv-

ing in Missouri; Margaret, the wife of Jacob Culler, of Missouri; Thomas, also of that state; Mamie, the wife of Chesley Norris, of Oklahoma; and Mrs. Campbell.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell four children have been born, all natives of Iowa: Hazel A., the eldest, born September 16, 1896, is a graduate of the South Hill school and for three years was a high-school pupil in Burlington. She is a vocalist of considerable talent and has been a member of the choirs of both the Episcopal and Grace Methodist churches. Charles Wilson, born July 16, 1898, is a graduate of the South Hill school and also attended high school. He is a vocalist of more than ordinary ability and as soloist has carried the first alto part, but is now a baritone. He has traveled from one end of the United States to the other with Henry B. Roney, who with five boys, under the name of "Roney Boys" Concert Company of Chicago, has toured the country. He has sung in public from the age of five years, has been a member of the Congregational church choir and has taken part in some of Walter Stone's plays. John D., born May 16, 1900, attends the William Salter school. Milton L., born December 10, 1902, also possesses superior musical talent. He sings contralto and has been with Henry Roney for four months. He is now soloist in the company known as Roney's Lecture and Concert Company. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell certainly have every reason to be proud of their family and the superior musical talent displayed by their children.

Mr. Campbell is a republican in politics but not an office seeker. He and his wife are devoted members of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as a trustee and steward, while his wife is now filling the office of steward. From his boyhood days Mr. Campbell had to work to assist his parents, and he received no financial assistance, nor had he aid from influential friends. Gradually in business, however, he has worked his way upward until he is today one of the leading and resourceful contractors of the city. He and his family occupy a modern home at No. 629 Central avenue, which he erected in 1909, and he is expecting to build a more elegant residence in the near future. He is a great advocate of young men buying homes instead of paying rent, and has done much to assist young men in that way. He endeavors to have his employes own homes, however small, believing that it stimulates further industry. Mr. Campbell is today only forty-six years old, and less than twenty years ago he was comparatively a poor man. He has, by economy, honest effort and well-developed ability, made rapid progress. He has never allowed obstacles to bar his path, nor has he ever

lost sight of the goal toward which he is striving. His course has ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, and his friends are numerous, while high respect is entertained for him by all.

J. W. DIXON, M. D.

Dr. J. W. Dixon, engaged in the general practice of medicine in Burlington, arrived in this city on the 15th of August, 1891, and almost immediately thereafter opened his office. He has since made continuous advancement in his profession and his practice is now extensive and of an important character. He was born in Brickville, Canada, September 5, 1864, and is a son of George and Jane (McCullough) Dixon, the former a farmer by occupation.

Dr. Dixon supplemented a public school education acquired in his native city by study in the Athens Collegiate Institute and later he entered the Queen's University as a student in the medical department. He later attended Trinity Medical College and was graduated with the class of 1890. He afterward acted as interne in Bellevue Hospital of New York city, and in the General Hospital at Kingston, Canada, and in that broadening experience added much to his skill and ability. For fifteen months he engaged in active practice at Frankville, Canada, after which he came to Burlington and since the 15th of August, 1891, or for a period of about twenty-four years, has been a practitioner in this city. He was the first man in the United States to rebel against the American Medical Association. Throughout his professional career he has been a wide reader and a deep thinker, and the logical trend of his mind has enabled him to deduct many valuable truths from his professional experience which he has used for the benefit of his patients. He is most conscientious, prompt and faithful in his practice and his ability is attested by the heavy professional demands made upon his time.

On the 10th of October, 1894, Dr. Dixon was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lane, of Burlington, a daughter of George Lane, and they have become the parents of three children: George Lane, who is now a medical student in the Iowa State University; Edith Antoinette, at home; and John Wesley, who is attending school.

The Doctor is a charter member and now the president of the Launch Club of Burlington. He is also a charter member of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat Association and served as its president

in 1910. There are now over six thousand members and Dr. Dixon is the only one who has been an officer in the organization since it was established. He has held all of the different official positions and is now chairman of the race committee. He has been very prominent and active in boat-racing circles and the association was instrumental in getting congress to place buoys all along the river. Dr. Dixon is the owner of The Ladd, which is the only gasoline boat to make the run from St. Paul to New Orleans and return. In this boat he cruised seven thousand five hundred miles in 1911 and 1912, accompanied by his family, covering the waters of the Great Lakes and the gulf as well as many of the rivers. He has ever believed in encouraging manly outdoor sports and there is no one who has done more to stimulate an interest in boating along the Mississippi than has Dr. Dixon. He is a most genial and companionable gentleman, his cordial manner, his intellectual strength and his character worth making him very popular wherever he is known.

H. B. BUHRMASTER.

H. B. Buhrmaster, secretary of the Drake Hardware Company and thus identified with one of the leading commercial enterprises of Burlington, was born August 30, 1872, in the city which is still his home, his parents being F. W. and Catherine (Meyer) Buhrmaster, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Muscatine, Iowa. The father was one of the pioneer residents of Burlington, arriving in this city in the '40s. He was a wagonmaker by trade, and organized the Burlington Wagon Company, which has been one of the successful and important productive industries of the city for the past forty-four years, Mr. Buhrmaster being widely recognized as one of the leading and enterprising manufacturers of Iowa.

H. B. Buhrmaster was the third in order of birth in a family of ten children. He supplemented his public-school education by graduation from Elliott's Business College in the class of 1890, and, thus qualified by commercial training, he started out in the business world, determined to win success if it could be done by persistent, honorable effort. He made his initial step as an employe in the hardware establishment of Charles F. Schmidt and in that connection gradually worked his way upward so that when the business was incorporated in 1900 he was elected its secretary. On the 1st of July, 1907, that business was consolidated with the Drake Hardware

Company, and Mr. Buhrmaster remains as secretary of the new organization. This is one of the extensive wholesale enterprises of the city, and Mr. Buhrmaster is familiar with every phase of the business. He has done every service almost in connection with the trade from clerk upward, has represented his house upon the road as traveling salesman, and is now bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control as the secretary.

In April, 1896, occurred the marriage of Mr. Buhrmaster and Miss Emma Kruemmel, of Burlington, a daughter of Frederick and Bertha Kruemmel, the former one of the pioneer residents of the city. To them have been born three children, Frederick, Milton and Frances. The parents are members of the Methodist church and are always loyal to its teachings and generous in its support. Mr. Buhrmaster is independent in politics, yet with republican preferences. He does not, however, consider himself bound by party ties and votes as his judgment dictates. He has been a lifelong resident of the city in which he makes his home, and he has the goodwill, high regard and friendship of many with whom he has been brought in contact from his boyhood days to the present time.

EDWARD P. LITZRODT.

Edward P. Litzrodt is the owner of a drug store at No. 918 Maple street, Burlington, and the careful conduct of his business affairs is bringing to him the success which is the merited and legitimate reward of his labors. He was born August 12, 1874, in Des Moines county, a son of Rev. F. L. and Mary (Oberle) Litzrodt. The father was born in Saxony, Germany, in 1846, and now resides in Burlington, a retired minister. He came to America with his parents when three years of age, the family home being established in Davenport, Iowa, and he was educated in the Wesleyan University, a Methodist school at Warrenton, Missouri. For forty years he was a successful pastor in various churches in the state of Iowa, and for a long period was the beloved minister of the Methodist church at Central avenue and Locust street, in Burlington. He was recognized as one of the strongest preachers in the conference and a most untiring worker in the cause, but in 1912 he was stricken with paralysis and has since been an invalid, so that he can neither talk nor walk. He is confined to a wheel chair and largely spends his time in reading. He appeared to be one of the strongest and healthiest

of men but his affliction came on on a Monday morning after he had preached several powerful sermons. Notwithstanding his condition of health, he is cheerful and happy and is never forgotten by his many German Methodist friends. His example now, as well as while he was active in the ministry, is one well worthy of emulation, and he displays remarkable fortitude. His wife was born in Bedford, Indiana, in 1856. They became the parents of six children, of whom only two are living, the younger being Edith, who is living with her parents and is organist at the Presbyterian church. She studied under Mrs. Fred Boesch and at the Augustana College at Rock Island, and also under Professor Virgil, of New York. She has given lessons on the pipe organ in New York, but owing to her father's illness she returned in order to care for her parents.

Edward P. Litzrodt attended the public schools and a commercial school in Des Moines, being graduated from the latter about 1890. He afterward was a pupil in the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. He spent the succeeding two years as a clerk in drug stores in St. Louis, Council Bluffs, Rock Island and Des Moines, and in 1899 embarked in business on his own account as proprietor of a drug store on Maple street, a few doors east of his present location. He now has a modern, well-appointed store, the best on South Hill. For several years his store has been one of the sub-postal stations of the city, known as station No. 4, and here he conducts business for "Uncle Sam," handling from seven to eight thousand dollars a year in stamps.

In October, 1904, Mr. Litzrodt was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Marshall, who was born in 1876 in Des Moines county, a daughter of Daniel D. and Jennie (Thomson) Marshall. The father was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, about 1847 and is now living retired in Burlington. He was for years a carriage painter with the Bennett & Frantz Carriage Manufacturing Company. During the Civil war he served as a member of the Ninth Michigan Cavalry, joining the army at the age of sixteen. His wife was born in Ireland about 1848, and they became the parents of five children: Anna, who is now a teacher in the Prospect Hill school; Daniel, assistant cashier of the bank at Oakville; James Y., who is general manager of the egg and produce department for Swift & Company of Chicago; Jennie, now Mrs. Litzrodt; and John, who is territorial manager for the Hibbard, Spencer & Bartlett Company of Chicago.

Mrs. Litzrodt was graduated from the Burlington high school and from the Normal Training school, and previous to her marriage taught in the kindergarten department of the Prospect Hill and South

Hill schools. To Mr. and Mrs. Litzrodt were born three children: Marshall E., whose birth occurred October 11, 1905, and is now attending the William Salter school; Audrey M., born April 20, 1907, also attending school; and Jean L., who was born in September, 1909, and passed away in 1910. The family residence is at No. 540 South Central avenue.

In politics Mr. Litzrodt is a republican, active in the local councils of the party, where his opinions carry much weight. He has served as committeeman of his ward for seven or eight years. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason and belongs to Burlington Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., the oldest in the state. He was a charter member of the Orchard City Fishing Club and the Lone Tree Club, and is now secretary and treasurer of the Silver Lake Hunting and Fishing Club, of Henderson county, Illinois, which was organized July 1, 1914. His only pastime is fishing and hunting. He has always been a busy man and well deserves the proud American title of self-made, as his education was largely secured through his own efforts, while his success in business has been won by upright dealing, fair treatment of his patrons and enterprising methods. He has won many friends through trade connections, as well as in social circles, and is accounted one of the wide-awake, energetic business men of the city.

WILLIAM W. COPELAND.

It is a trite saying that "There is always room at the top," and the discerning man is constantly impressed with this fact, and wisdom and ambition frequently lead him to advance to the higher planes wherein competition is less great and where success is assured. Such has been the record of William W. Copeland, who at the age of sixteen years started out in commercial circles on his own account and has advanced step by step in an orderly progression that has brought him at last to a position among the foremost business men of Burlington connected with and controlling interests which are most important factors in the upbuilding of the city's commercial greatness as well as the enhancement of his individual fortunes.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Copeland was born in Mifflin, Juniata county, on the 7th of October, 1856, and is descended from English ancestry although the family has been represented in Pennsylvania from an early period in the colonization of that region.



WILLIAM W. COPELAND

The grandfather, Willis Copeland, who became one of the pioneer settlers of that state, spent the remainder of his life there, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits. His son, John M. Copeland, was there born and reared and for many years has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as storekeeper at Mifflin. He defended the interests of the Union in the Civil war and in politics has always been a democrat, having been elected on the ticket of that party for the office of treasurer of Juniata county in 1888. He wedded Katherine Hartmann, also a native of Juniata county and a daughter of William Hartmann, of German descent. The religious faith of the family is that of the Lutheran church.

At the usual age William W. Copeland began his education as a public-school pupil. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm to the age of sixteen years, when he started out in the business world as a clerk in a general store. He was ambitious and energetic and his close application, willingness and fidelity soon won him advancement. He gradually worked his way upward and by the time he had attained his majority had saved from his earnings a sufficient sum to enable him to purchase a stock of goods and engage in general merchandising on his own account. His previous thorough training and experience well qualified him for the conduct of the business, which proved profitable from the beginning.

However, he heard the call of the west and in 1887 arrived in Burlington, Iowa, where he has since made his home. After traveling for a brief time for the Standard Oil Company he established himself in the commission business in Burlington as the senior partner in the firm of Copeland & Martin, carrying on business under that style until 1903, when by purchasing his partner's interest he became the sole proprietor of a large fruit and commission business, his trade being hardly surpassed throughout this section of the country. He conducts his business at the corner of Front and Valley streets in a large building where he has excellent shipping facilities that enable him to unload direct from the car to the house. His business is exclusively in the wholesale field and he handles his goods in carloads, buying from and shipping to all parts of the United States. The house is represented on the road by a number of traveling salesmen and the business has grown steadily until it is now one of great volume, due to the enterprising efforts, persistency of purpose and indefatigable energy of Mr. Copeland, who throughout his entire career has borne an unassailable reputation by reason of the fact that he has never incurred obligations that he has not met nor made engagements that he has not kept. In all of his business affairs

he seems to readily discriminate between the essential and the non-essential and this quality has contributed to his success in other directions. He has for a long period of years been one of the directors of the Merchants National Bank, and in 1898 he aided in organizing the Clinton-Copeland Candy Company, which was incorporated with Mr. Copeland as its first president, and in that connection he has since continued, his administrative direction and executive ability being a potent force in the successful management and development of that concern. The company erected a large and splendidly equipped factory in 1905, employment is furnished to seventy-five people and this has become one of the leading manufacturing interests of Burlington.

Mr. Copeland is most pleasantly situated in his home life. On Christmas day of 1879 he wedded Miss Mary A. Miller, a daughter of Henry Miller, of Burlington. Their only son, John R. Copeland, is now connected with the Clinton-Copeland Candy Company. The parents attend the Congregational church, to which Mrs. Copeland belongs, and to its support they are generous contributors.

Mr. Copeland gives his political support to the republican party. In this connection a contemporary biographer has said: "Deeply interested in politics from the point of view of the business man and citizen, his opinions carry weight in the councils of his party, yet despite his undoubted influence he has never been a candidate for office in Burlington, although while in business in Mifflin, Pennsylvania, he was appointed postmaster at that place, being one of the first to receive the appointment under President Arthur. He continued in that position until after the election of President Cleveland, when he resigned. On the organization of the Burlington Water Company two directors were appointed by the mayor to represent the municipality on its board of directors and Mr. Copeland was first appointed by a democratic mayor and later by a republican mayor. In 1903 he was elected a director of the Burlington Hospital and was re-elected in 1905." He also served as postmaster of Burlington for four years, being appointed during President Taft's administration.

On the organization of the Commercial Exchange Mr. Copeland became a member and has served on its land site committee, while in February, 1905, he was elected its president. Fraternally he is a Mason and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He is a man of strong and resolute purpose. His judgments are never hastily formed, but when once convinced of the righteousness of a cause or the value of a course he never deviates therefrom. He

is firm and determined, but at all times just and reasonable. The extent and importance of his business activities and his public-spirited interest in the general welfare have made him a valued factor in connection with the work of promoting Burlington's interests.

JOHN W. SWILER.

John W. Swiler, now residing at No. 1800 River street in Burlington, is now enjoying a well-earned rest after a life of activity characterized by a most benevolent spirit and an earnest desire to uplift humanity. His efforts as a teacher of the deaf were most resultant in good, and his labors have been indeed a beneficent influence in the lives of many with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Swiler was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1844, a son of Christopher and Mary (Mullin) Swiler. The father was born January 30, 1817, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was of German lineage, his ancestors being numbered among the earliest settlers of eastern Pennsylvania. The Mullin family was of Scotch-Irish descent. Christopher Swiler was a miller by trade, and in 1852 migrated westward with his family, traveling by wagon across the country to Warren county, Illinois, where he practically spent the remainder of his life. He established the first grist mill in Monmouth, Illinois, known as the Claycomb mill, but his principal business was that of farming. He died in Burlington, Iowa, December 22, 1909, at the home of his son, John W. Swiler, at the very venerable age of ninety-three years and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Monmouth, Illinois. His wife, who was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1818, died in Monmouth, Illinois, March 24, 1899, at the age of eighty years. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and at the time of his death Mr. Swiler was probably the oldest member of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Monmouth. Mrs. Swiler's father was Alexander Mullin, a soldier of the War of 1812, while her grandfather, Michael Mullin, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Alexander Mullin died in Lomax, Illinois, and was buried in Monmouth, at the age of ninety-five years. He was a blacksmith by trade and worked at the forge until more than eighty years of age. His family numbered twenty-two children, of whom Moses Mullin, now residing in Topeka, Kansas, was a soldier

of the Civil war. A daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Atchinson, is living in Monmouth, Illinois, and another daughter, Emma, is the wife of Hiram Allen, of Albia, Iowa. It was Mary Mullin of this family who became the wife of Christopher Swiler, and they had a family of three children: John, whose name introduces this review; Agnes, who was born in 1847 and is the widow of George Joss and resides in Monmouth, Illinois; and Mary, who was born in 1849 and died in infancy.

John W. Swiler was a lad of about eight years when his parents removed from Pennsylvania to Illinois. He was graduated from Monmouth College with the class of 1864 and afterward received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from his alma mater. He pursued a course in Bryant & Stratton Business College at Chicago, and in Bryant & Stratton College in Philadelphia, being graduated therefrom in 1865. He taught school through the succeeding winter at Monmouth, Illinois, and later was employed in connection with a book and newspaper business there. In the fall of 1867, in response to an invitation from P. G. Gillett, superintendent of the Illinois Institute for the Deaf, Mr. Swiler went to Jacksonville, Illinois, and assumed a position as teacher in that school, with which he remained in active connection for thirteen years. In the fall of 1878 he was invited to Beloit, Wisconsin, to meet the board of trustees of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, with a view to becoming superintendent of that institution, but after fully considering the subject he decided it was an inopportune time to make any change. In the spring of 1880 he was again invited to go to Wisconsin, and at that period accepted the superintendency of the school for the deaf, assuming control of the institution in the month of June. This was the year following the destruction of the principal school buildings by fire, and at the time when he undertook the work Mr. Swiler found the school with new buildings in process of erection, which were completed the ensuing winter. He remained as superintendent of that institution through all the various vicissitudes of politics for twenty-one years, and the record which he made for capability and fidelity during that period endeared him to the community at large, while his work gave him a firm hold upon the affectionate regard of the pupils of the school. He is a man of broad experience, of sound judgment and great executive ability, and he made valuable improvements at the school, both in the introduction of mechanical appliances and in the method of teaching. He resigned that position on the 1st of September, 1901, and spent the following year in Chicago and in travel through the south.

In March, 1902, Mr. Swiler came to Burlington and has since occupied his present elegant residence. The place, which is known as Rivercrest, is one of the most attractive homes of the city, standing on the river bank on top of a hill. During the period of his residence in Delavan, Wisconsin, Mr. Swiler was offered the superintendency of the school for the deaf at Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1897, and was elected to the position, but did not accept. Since coming to Burlington he has not been actively engaged in business further than the management of his farm and other personal interests at Fort Worth, Texas. He has, however, been active in connection with affairs relating to the public, and has cooperated in many movements of civic virtue and civic pride. Since coming to Burlington he has served as a member of the school board for seven years and was vice president of the board for several years. While acting on the board he was instrumental in introducing manual training and domestic science into the schools. The principal school building erected while he was in office was the high school. At all times he has stood for improvement and advancement along educational lines and his efforts have done much to further the interests of the schools of Burlington.

On the 9th of June, 1869, Mr. Swiler was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Chandler, the only child of George and Matilda B. Chandler, of Spring Grove, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. W. Thomas, a distinguished divine of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Swiler was born in Des Moines county, February 14, 1847, attended Elliott Seminary and afterward was a pupil in a private school conducted by the Misses Cutter. She was a daughter of George Chandler, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs. Swiler have been born three children. Ruth Ella, who was born on the old home farm in Des Moines county, October 18, 1870, was married September 19, 1896, to J. B. Googins, of Fort Worth, Texas. With the exception of two years spent in Chicago and St. Louis, the entire period of their married life has been passed in Texas. They have three children: David Swiler Googins, born in Delavan, Wisconsin, September 18, 1897; John Chandler, born in St. Louis, December 9, 1899; and Ruth Josephine, born at Fort Worth, November 1, 1908. Mrs. Googins was educated in Oberlin College, where she was graduated in the class of 1893. George Chandler Swiler, born in Jacksonville, Illinois, August 3, 1872, was educated in Beloit College, of Beloit, Wisconsin, and in the University of Wisconsin. His early business experience was acquired through nine years' connection with the

Drovers' National Bank of Chicago, which eminently qualified him for the position of cashier in the Burlington Savings Bank, the duties of which office he assumed in July, 1904, aiding in the organization of the bank at that time. He has since acceptably filled the position and is widely and favorably known in Burlington. He married Miss Daisy Hudson, the only daughter of T. J. Hudson, traffic manager for the Illinois Central Railroad Company at Chicago. Their marriage was celebrated in Chicago, October 10, 1900, the Rev. George Bixby, rector of St. Paul's church, performing the ceremony, and they now reside at No. 1724 River street, adjoining his father's home. They have two children: Wesley Hudson, who was born in Burlington, December 22, 1904; and Thomas Hudson Swiler, born March 8, 1909. Elsie Marie was born in Delavan, Wisconsin, January 8, 1887, attended the public schools of Delavan, Wisconsin, and the Hyde Park high school, of Chicago. She was also a student in the Burlington high school, from which she was graduated in 1905, and she afterward attended Putnam Hall Academy and Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, New York, completing her education by a trip to Europe in 1908. She was married June 11, 1910, to Parkin Thomas Sowden, of Burlington, by the Rev. Samuel Van Pelt, and went at once to her new home in Toronto, Canada, where her husband is manager of the Standard Silver Company works. They have two children: Thomas Chandler, born in Toronto, March 1, 1911; and George, born December 24, 1912.

In politics Mr. Swiler has always been a republican and became well known in Wisconsin as the only superintendent of a state institution who survived the administration of George W. Peck, the democratic governor, who, in what was known as the Little Red Schoolhouse campaign, defeated Governor Hoard, the republican candidate. At the time when Mr. Swiler resigned his position as superintendent of the institution for the deaf he was the vice president of the national convention of the American Instructors of the Deaf. He is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, which he joined soon after attaining his majority. He holds membership in the different Masonic bodies in Burlington and in the consistory at Milwaukee, being at present eminent commander of St. Omar Commandery, No. 15, K. T., of Burlington. He is a director of the Burlington Savings Bank and is now the president of the Visiting Nurses' Association of Burlington. Both he and his wife have always been prominent and devoted members of the Methodist church, in which he has filled the various church offices. While they have lived in Burlington for only a comparatively brief period, they

have endeared themselves to many of the people of the city and are widely known and honored by all. Their home is one of refinement and culture, and Mrs. Swiler dispenses a cordial hospitality to all who visit beneath their roof. Their lives count as factors for good, for their influence has always been on the side of betterment and uplift, and they are numbered among those who have dispensed much of life's sunshine in words of encouragement, sympathy and understanding and in kindly assistance.

FRANK S. LINELL.

Frank S. Linell, who has been vice president of the Burlington Soap Company since its organization in 1905, was born in Oquawka, Illinois, on the 27th of March, 1866, a son of Joseph and Frances Linell. The father was engaged in the harness and lumber business in Oquawka, where he also became connected with the cattle trade and with other business undertakings. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all commercial pursuits and personal interests in order to respond to the country's call for troops, and went to the front, doing valiant service in defense of the Union. He rose to the rank of captain and returned to his home with a most creditable military record.

Frank S. Linell made his initial step in business circles when he had completed a public-school education and worked for his father until twenty-four years of age. At that time he became connected with the pearl button industry at Oquawka, spending several years in that way. In 1905 he bought an interest in the Burlington Soap Company, and, in fact, became one of the organizers of the business, of which he has since been the vice president. The company was formed in that year and entered upon a prosperous existence, for from the beginning the trade has steadily increased, and has now reached substantial and gratifying proportions. A record of the business is given at length on another page of this work. From the outset success has attended the venture because of the business capability of the officers and their determined purpose, together with the strictly reliable methods instituted. Their plant is located at Nos. 508-14 North Main street and they occupy three floors of a building one hundred and twenty by one hundred and seventy feet. Employment is given to twenty-six people in the factory, while five traveling salesmen are kept upon the road, covering a large part of the middle

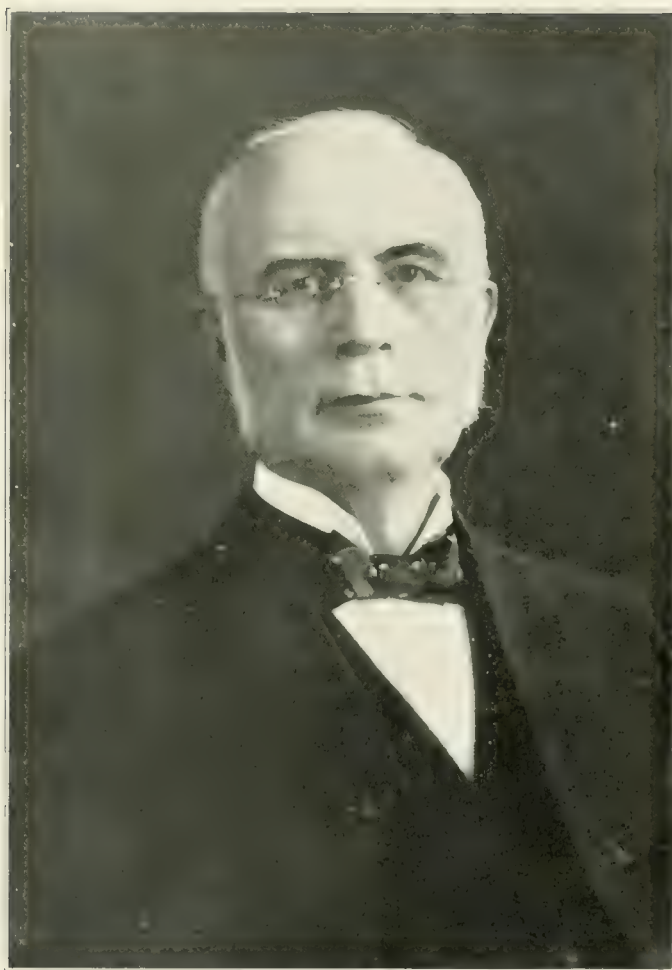
west. They also sell through brokers upon the Pacific coast and in the south and their trade now covers a large territory. The plant is splendidly equipped with modern machinery, they utilize the latest improved processes in manufacture, and are now producing twenty different kinds of toilet and laundry soaps, together with special brands for special orders.

On the 21st of April, 1892, Mr. Linell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Alice Ryerson, of Oquawka, a daughter of George and Angeline Ryerson, who were farming people of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Linell have become the parents of two children: Frances, the wife of Otto J. Carow, a resident of Burlington; and Mary, at home.

Mr. Linell holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, the Moose, the Travelers' Protective Association, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Sons of Veterans, and is popular in these different organizations and is in sympathy with the fraternal spirit which exists, recognizing the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations which it imposes. He is a member of the Christian church, while the religious faith of his wife is that of the Baptist church. In politics he is a standpat republican, believing firmly in the principles of the grand old party. He gives to it loyal support and he always keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Business affairs, however, occupy the greater part of his time and attention, yet he is not remiss in the duties of citizenship when it comes to helping any movement or measure that will advance the public welfare.

CORNELIUS L. POOR.

Cornelius L. Poor ranked not only as one of Iowa's most eminent and successful lawyers and as one of the foremost citizens of Burlington, but also as one of the most highly respected and best loved residents of the community in which he made his home and in the welfare of which he manifested such a deep and helpful interest. In matters of citizenship he held to the highest ideals and constantly employed the most practical efforts for their adoption and embodiment. As president of the Hawk-Eye Publishing Company he did much to raise the standard of journalism, making it ever a factor in public progress and improvement until the paper had a much more than state-wide reputation.



CORNELIUS L. POOR

Mr. Poor was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, May 13, 1845, and was descended from good old colonial stock. After completing his more specifically literary education in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Pennsylvania, he became a law student in the office of a firm of prominent attorneys of Pennsylvania and was admitted to the bar in 1874. The following year Mr. Poor arrived in Burlington and was thereafter closely identified with the interests of the city until his demise. At one time he practiced in partnership with E. E. Milspaugh and afterward with Charles Baldwin, but for many years was alone in practice until joined by his youngest son, Ben Perley Poor. The father was eminently successful in his chosen profession. Thoroughness and care were salient features in the preparation of his cases, which were presented in clear, logical manner, his deductions being sound, his reasoning strong and forceful. He knew the law, was familiar with principle and precedent and was seldom if ever at fault in its application to a point in litigation. As the years went on his clientage grew, and the court records attest his ability in the number of favorable verdicts which he won. In addition to practicing law, Mr. Poor was the president of the Hawkeye Publishing Company and among its employes has been greatly missed, for they always found him a wise and friendly counselor. That famous paper, the Burlington Hawk-Eye, in large measure reflected his sturdy views and unselfish policies.

Mr. Poor gave his political allegiance to the republican party from the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and he did valuable service in behalf of his party as a campaign speaker and as a worker in other connections. The honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him and the only political position which he filled was in the strict path of his profession. He was city solicitor from 1878 to 1882 and again was called to that office in 1910, following the adoption of the commission plan of government, so that he was acting in that capacity at the time of his demise. In this connection the Burlington Hawk-Eye wrote: "Stepping into the solicitor's office with the first commissioners under the new plan of city government, his services were of the greatest value to the city. The success of the commission plan in Burlington is due perhaps more to his wise counsel and his thoroughness and carefulness than to any other one thing. There were no mistakes of a serious nature and much trouble was avoided and much money was saved the city because the commissioners had infinite confidence in their adviser and were guided by his advice in every matter of impor-

tance that came before that body. There remain many problems to be solved and his guidance will be missed by the new council."

Following his demise, Frank C. Norton, mayor of Burlington, said: "I was greatly grieved when I heard of the death of our solicitor, Mr. Poor, last evening. I have known Mr. Poor for over thirty years and during that period I know of no act of his but what was promoted by the best and purest motives for the furtherance of Burlington's best interests and for the betterment of humanity. The loss of his wise counsel and mature judgment is, indeed, a great loss to the city administration, particularly at this time when questions of importance are demanding our attention. Mr. Poor had the confidence of all; and the questions arising between corporations or individuals and the city were easily and justly settled. City councils need just such men as Mr. Poor as their councilor; we feel in his sudden departure that the city has suffered a great loss and all of us personally a warm friend."

Cornelius L. Poor was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Goodban, in Erie county, Pennsylvania, on the 20th of March, 1867. She was born in Sugar Grove, that state, and is of English descent. Following their marriage they began their domestic life in the Keystone state, whence they came to Burlington in 1875, and here Mrs. Poor still makes her home. Theirs was a very happy marriage, blessed with the presence of four children, Fred L., Mrs. George Millard, Mrs. Edward Disque and Ben P.

Mr. Poor's devotion to his family was one of his marked characteristics, and his home life was largely ideal. The family circle was first broken in his death, which occurred on the 12th of May, 1912. He had long been a devoted member of the First Methodist Episcopal church, generous in his support and loyal to the best interests of the organization in every particular. He passed away the day before the sixty-seventh anniversary of his birth and left a place in the community life of the city of Burlington which was hard to fill. His disinterested patriotism found expression in a responsible form of American citizenship that is seldom found in men of great affairs. He not only talked "public weal before private interests," but in his own life placed the public welfare before those advantages from which profit might have accrued to him if they interfered with projects which he considered necessary to the general welfare.

Seldom have been heard on all sides such genuine expressions of grief and regret as were expressed when Cornelius L. Poor was called from this life. Hon. Charles Mathes said: "Mr. Poor was

a good fellow in the best sense of the word, and as such he was a friend of all good fellows and is mourned by all. I became acquainted with Mr. Poor shortly after he arrived in Burlington and our relations were always very pleasant. He was a very valuable man and a safe adviser for the city. I was a member of the council when he was first chosen city solicitor, and I wanted him retained after a turn of the political wheel brought a change. He will be missed everywhere, and more especially by the present city administration." None ever questioned his deep interest in and unselfish devotion to the welfare of the city. Civic virtue and civic pride were among his strong characteristics and he did everything to aid Burlington in reaching the high ideal toward which public spirit is now tending. Another said in this connection: "In his position as the legal representative of the city, he guarded her interests with the most painstaking care and always stood for the right. He did not want more than was coming to the city, but he wanted all that the city had a right to ask, and he got it." Speaking of him in personal relations, Dr. E. Poppe remarked: "I shall ever remember him as a man of kind heart, a courteous gentleman and a man in every sense of the word." Another said: "His relations to the community as a citizen and a lawyer were such as to commend him to the respect and good judgment of all who knew him. One marked feature of his character as a lawyer and man of affairs was his candor and his broad-mindedness in matters of controversy. Others learned to rely upon his legal opinions as worthy of great consideration, for he stood very high as a lawyer." Hon. Thomas Hedge voiced the following: "He was a man of great mental and bodily strength and health. He reasoned in straight lines. He was a close student and untiring worker, loyal to his friends and faithful to the ethics of his profession. His mental methods were deliberate, careful and accurate, so he became naturally a leader in his profession." Another spoke of him as "a man of sincere conviction, dignified demeanor and kindly fellowship. A lawyer of great force in court and extreme caution in council and a citizen of the very first rank in our city and state." Charles C. Clark said of Mr. Poor: "His convictions were strong and there never was any doubt at any time as to where C. L. Poor stood. In a law suit he was an antagonist to be feared because he always went to the bottom of his case and if he did not win it, it was not because he had left a single stone unturned, and his pertinacity when he knew he was right turned many an apparent defeat into victory and at times won verdicts from protesting judges and juries. Taking the keenest interest in the welfare of the state, he never

failed in his political service and from ward caucus to the final vote at the polls, often, too, at much personal sacrifice, we never questioned that he would do his full duty as a citizen and a patriot." Members of the Des Moines County Bar Association, the city council and the Commercial Exchange all passed resolutions of respect and sympathy, but it was not only in the organizations, but in the heart of every individual who knew him that the loss of Cornelius L. Poor was most keenly felt.

T. W. ALEXANDER.

T. W. Alexander is the president of the Burlington Soap Company, of which he was one of the organizers. Business enterprise, laudable ambition and unfaltering purpose have brought him to a creditable place among the manufacturers of the city, and he is still advancing step by step, winning the merited reward of persistent and intelligently directed labor. He was born in Monmouth, Illinois, in 1860, his parents being J. W. and Elizabeth Alexander, of that place. The father was a farmer by occupation, and thus provided for the support of his family.

The son, T. W. Alexander, acquired a public-school education and, starting out in the business world, secured a position with the Maple City Soap Company, of Monmouth, thus gaining his initial experience in the field of business in which he still operates. Leaving Illinois in 1890, he went to Hastings, Nebraska, where he organized the firm of Alexander & Company, for the manufacture of soap and there conducted the business until 1891, when he removed his interest to Burlington, where he established business under the name of the Iowa Soap Company, his location being on Front street near the Union depot. In 1896 a removal was made to the Tabor-Burns building, where they continued until 1900, and then removed to Valley street. Mr. Alexander remained in connection with the business until 1903 and then sold out, spending the succeeding two years in retirement. In 1905 he became the chief factor in the organization of the Burlington Soap Company and was elected to the presidency. In this connection he is at the head of a growing business conducted at Nos. 508-514 North Main street, where they occupy a three-story building, one hundred and twenty by one hundred and seventy feet. The business has grown steadily under the wise direction of its president and his fellow-officers.

At the outset of his career Mr. Alexander did not wait for a specially brilliant opening. His natural industry would not permit him to do so, even if his financial circumstances had been such as to make it possible. His mental and physical activity were practically the only capital which he brought to the starting point of his career, but at that time he showed conspicuously the traits of character that have made his life successful. He performed all the duties that devolved upon him, however humble and however small the recompense might be, conscientiously and industriously, and because of this he won steady advancement. His strict integrity, business conservatism and judgment have always been so uniformly recognized that he has enjoyed public confidence to an enviable degree, and naturally this has brought to him a lucrative patronage.

In politics Mr. Alexander is a progressive, and fraternally is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, but his attention is chiefly concentrated upon his business affairs, and his close application and energy have been crowning points in his career.

THE BURLINGTON SOAP COMPANY.

The Burlington Soap Company, which is one of the large productive industries of the city and a factor in its commercial development, was organized in 1905 with T. W. Alexander as the president; Frank Linell, vice president; William Archer, secretary, and E. F. Holsteen, treasurer. The business is located at Nos. 508-14 North Main street, occupying a three-story building with one hundred and twenty foot frontage and one hundred and seventy feet in depth. In 1906 Mr. Archer sold out to E. F. Holsteen, but otherwise there has been no change in the personnel of the company. Employment is furnished to twenty-six people and there are five traveling salesmen upon the road, covering Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, eastern Nebraska, Indiana and parts of Michigan and Wisconsin.

The company manufactures a full line of toilet and laundry soaps, producing altogether twenty different brands of those soaps, besides special lines for certain customers. They sell largely to the grocery and drug trades and they specialize in French violet and honeysuckle perfumes. Their business is also represented by brokerage firms in California, Alabama and West Virginia, and they are now selling quite extensively over the south. Their plant has a capacity for manufacturing daily soap worth one thousand dollars. It is sup-

plied with new and modern machinery, one kettle alone holding ninety thousand pounds of soap. Steam power is used in the operation of the plant, and the business has been most carefully systematized, so that there is no useless expenditure of time, labor or material. All work is done with the utmost precision, and the wise management of the house is manifest in its growing success.

PETER MAGEL.

Peter Magel has since 1905 been a resident of Burlington, previous to which time he made his home upon a farm in this county. While he is now in a considerable measure living retired, he still gives supervision to his agricultural interests, and in addition to his Des Moines county property has extensive landed interests in Kansas. He has likewise been president of the Continental Brick Company, of Aledo, Illinois, for five years. He was born in Union township, near Rock Springs, this county, February 15, 1849, a son of Seibert and Mary (Licht) Magel, who were natives of Germany, the former born January 5, 1812, and the latter April 24, 1821. They came to Des Moines county in the fall of 1835, making the voyage to America on the same ship. The mother was a daughter of Conrad and Catharine Licht, who brought their family to the new world and established their home in Des Moines county, where they remained until called to their final rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Magel were married in this county about a year after their arrival, and their remaining days were spent upon a farm southwest of Burlington. The mother's death occurred December 6, 1896, and the father passed away August 9, 1897. He had been blind for a quarter of a century before his demise. When he arrived in this country he was the possessor of a capital of two hundred dollars. He immediately sought employment, and his first work was on a dam at Augusta. After being employed as a day laborer for a few months he began farming with Conrad Pheiff, and later they together purchased a cow. They farmed together as neighbors, but after a time that property was disposed of and Mr. Magel bought a farm southwest of Burlington, upon which he continued to make his home until called to his final rest. As opportunity offered, however, he added to his property holdings until at one time he was the owner of three farms, but prior to his demise he divided his property among his children. As the years passed he

won a substantial measure of prosperity and he was always a generous contributor to movements and measures for the public good. He assisted in building two churches and gave liberally to the Burlington Hospital, and at his death he left to that institution the sum of one thousand dollars. He held membership in the German Lutheran church and the organization found in him a generous supporter, who was also ever ready to give freely to all benevolent and other worthy causes. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party. To him and his wife were born eighteen children, of whom ten reached adult age, namely: Elizabeth, now deceased, the wife of William Hillgartner; William, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Henry, of Burlington; Charles, who is living in Fremont county; Conrad, whose home is in Idaho; Peter; Mary, the widow of Julius Schafer, of this city; Margaret, who married Henry Steyh, of Burlington; Theodore, who died in Fremont county; and Benjamin, also of Burlington.

Peter Magel remained with his parents up to the time of his marriage, and in his youth acquired a public-school education. When twenty-one years of age he began farming on his own account, renting land from his father, and subsequently he purchased a part of the old home place, upon which he erected a comfortable dwelling, and from time to time he made further improvements until he had one of the best farms of the county, which he occupied until his removal to the city in 1905. He still owns his old home place and his father's old homestead, one comprising one hundred and forty-eight acres of land and the other one hundred and forty-four acres. The entire amount is improved, save twenty-five acres, which is in timber. Mr. Magel goes back and forth to the farm to a large extent and gives to the place his personal supervision. When actively engaged in farming he employed the most progressive methods, brought his fields to a high state of cultivation and made his farm a very productive one, so that the annual sale of his crops brought to him a most substantial revenue. In addition to his Iowa property he owned five hundred and sixty acres in Kansas. He also has other business interests, having for five years been president of the Continental Brick Company, of Aledo, Illinois, which is one of the profitable enterprises of that place.

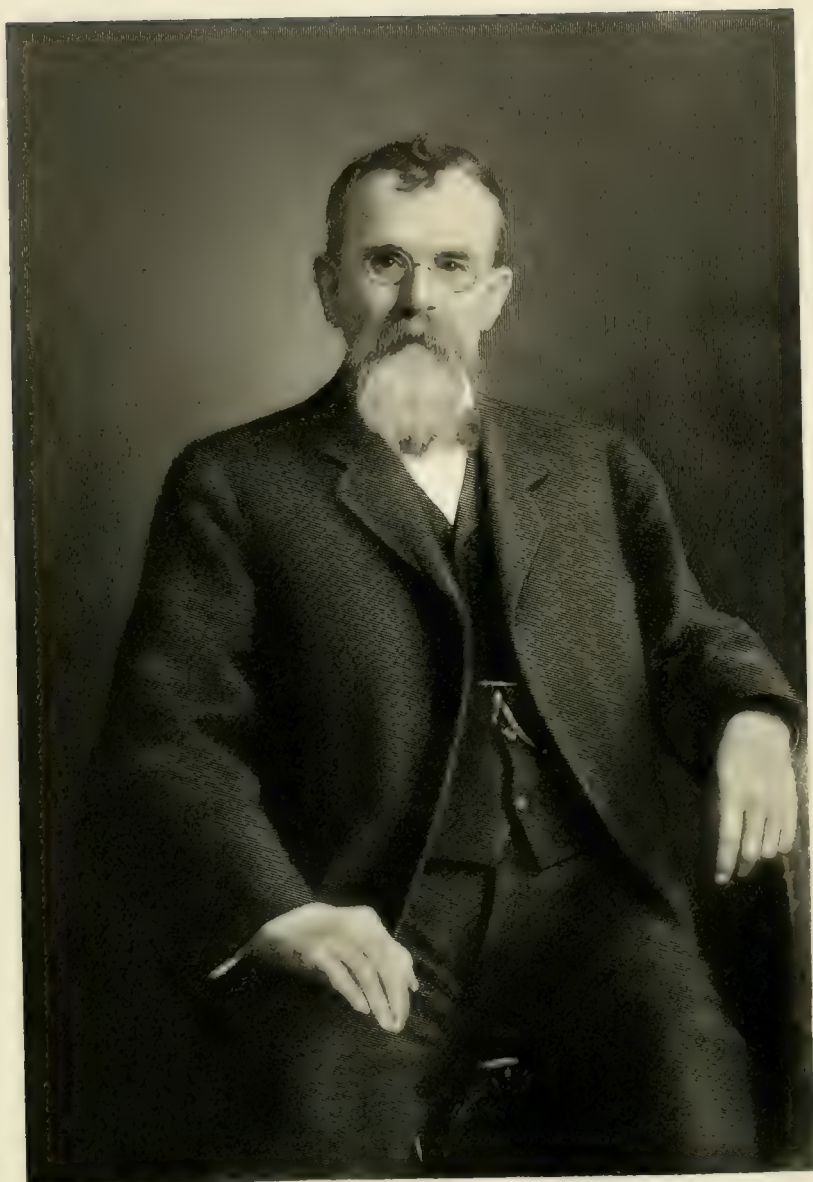
On the 15th of January, 1879, Mr. Magel was married to Miss Alice E. Blakeway, who was born in Augusta township, Des Moines county, July 30, 1859, a daughter of John C. and Priscilla F. (Bashore) Blakeway, who were natives of Wheeling, West Virginia, and accompanied their parents to the middle west in childhood. The

father was seventeen years of age at the time of the removal. The mother lived for a time in Missouri. In 1849 Mr. Blakeway went to California, spending two years, and with that exception has continuously resided in this county since his marriage. Both he and his wife passed away in Union township, the former February 19, 1904, at the age of seventy-six years, and the latter on the 22d of January, 1902. They had twelve children, of whom three died in infancy. Those, besides Mrs. Magel, who reached adult age were: William D., of California; Elizabeth, the wife of George Vaughn, of Burlington; Margaret, the deceased wife of Stephen Courtwright; Edward, a farmer of Fairfield; Thomas U., living in Kansas; Carson J., of Augusta township; Frank B., of Burlington; and Mrs. Hattie J. Boland, of Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Magel have two sons. George Seibert, the elder, occupies his grandfather's homestead. He married Miss Emma Grothe, who died leaving one child, Kenneth Howard, and since losing his first wife he has married Mamie Lyman. John Clarence, the younger son, resides upon his father's farm. He married Miss Rosa Ihrer and they have a daughter, Frances Louise.

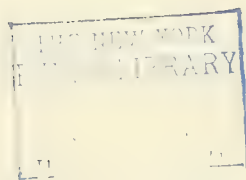
Mr. Magel is a democrat, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has always preferred to devote his attention to his business affairs. He served, however, as school treasurer for fifteen years, occupying that position until his removal to the city. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and have guided their lives by its teachings. He has a wide acquaintance in this county, where he has always lived, and the number of his friends indicates that his life has been at all times an honorable and upright one.

ARNOLD C. ITA.

Arnold C. Ita is manager and treasurer of the Embalming Burial Case Company, one of the extensive business enterprises of Burlington. He has been identified with this business since early manhood and his efforts have been an element in the continued growth of the enterprise. Much of his life has been passed in Burlington. He is a son of Ulrich Ita, who is president of the company and who was born in Stamheim, Switzerland, as was the grandfather, Melchoir Ita, who for eighteen years ran a government stage between Stamheim and Frauenfeld. Melchoir Ita died in 1859, while his wife,



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who bore the maiden name of Margaret Marthaler, passed away in 1862.

Ulrich Ita was educated in the schools of his native city and afterward served a two and a half years' apprenticeship at the cabinet-maker's trade. He worked for four years as a journeyman in Switzerland and in France and in 1868 crossed the Atlantic to the United States. The same year he became a resident of Burlington and for about four years worked at the carpenter's trade. Advancing along business lines, he became foreman of the Daniel Winters planing mill and after five years spent in that connection he became associated with Robert Wolf in the furniture manufacturing business under the style of Wolf & Ita. For a number of years the business was successfully conducted, but the health of Mr. Ita became so impaired that he sold out to Mr. Wolf, returning to Europe in the hope that the change of climate would prove beneficial. He was not disappointed and in 1881 he returned to America, his health fully restored. At that time he became a stockholder in the Embalming Burial Case Company, which had been organized in 1876. He assumed the management of the business and on the death of Dr. Bailey was elected president, in which connection he still continues.

In 1873 Ulrich Ita was united in marriage to Miss Julia Shupert, who died in 1874, leaving a son, Ulrich Ita, who is now in Chattanooga, Tennessee. In 1876 Mr. Ita married Miss Carolina Bergman, of Burlington, and they became parents of four children, Helen, Arnold C., Godfried J. and Walter H. The parents are members of the Zion Evangelical church, in which they are actively interested, and Mr. Ita is also a member of Excelsior Lodge, I. O. O. F. Aside from his connection with the Embalming Burial Case Company he is a stockholder and a director in the German-American Savings Bank.

Arnold C. Ita, who is now treasurer and manager of the Embalming Burial Case Company, was born in Burlington in 1879 and, like the other children of the family, was given excellent educational privileges. He attended the public schools and subsequently became a student in Elliott's Business College, and after thus qualifying for the practical and responsible duties of life he became connected with the business of which his father was the president. This business was organized in 1876 for the building of patent metallic caskets and in 1880 the company broadened the scope of its activities by beginning the manufacture of all kinds of undertakers' supplies. Two years later Ulrich Ita, as previously stated, purchased an interest in the business, of which Dr. H. B. Bailey was then president. The

latter continued in his office until his death in 1886, when he was succeeded by Ulrich Ita, who still remains at the head of the company, while Arnold C. Ita is now manager and treasurer, with Godfried J. Ita as secretary. The business has enjoyed a very substantial and gratifying growth, their annual sales being now three times as large as they were in 1890. The firm today employs about fifty people, all skilled workmen, and they also have a number of traveling salesmen upon the road. The factory has a frontage of two hundred feet at No. 1105 Agency street. There is a four-story brick warehouse fifty by one hundred and twenty feet, a brick machinery building and engine room one hundred and sixty by sixty feet, a frame drying house eighteen by forty feet, and a lumber shed fifty by sixty feet. Steam power is used and the company specializes in cypress caskets of high quality. They are also jobbers for steel vaults and other undertakers' supplies and their goods are sold between Wyoming and Ohio, six traveling salesmen caring for the trade. This is regarded as one of the substantial firms of the state. The business methods of the house are thoroughly reliable, and it is a recognized fact that the name of Ita is synonymous with progressive methods and honorable dealing. The enterprise, capability and determination which have characterized the father are manifest as well in the sons and the representatives of the two generations occupy a prominent position in the commercial and manufacturing circles of Burlington.

COLONEL H. B. SCOTT.

Colonel H. B. Scott, whose title was worthily won by service in the Civil war, has been a resident of Burlington since about 1868, and throughout practically the entire period has been connected with the landed interests of what is now the Perkins estate, his services having been called into requisition in this connection by Charles E. Perkins, then president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He was born in Peru, Indiana, on the 15th of March, 1839, and is a son of Benjamin Homans and Sarah (Carlisle) Scott. The father, who was born in Boston and was descended from French-Huguenot ancestry, served his country as a soldier in the War of 1812. One of his great-uncles was killed in the Revolutionary war at the battle of Bunker Hill. Benjamin H. Scott became a clerk of the court in Miami county, Indiana, being the first to fill

that position, and he was otherwise identified with the pioneer development of that section of the state. In his later years he returned to the east, spending his last days in Framingham, Massachusetts. His wife was a descendant of the well-known Chase family, to which belonged Rev. Josiah Chase, of Kittery, Maine, and she has long since passed away, her death having occurred in 1841.

Colonel Scott, of this review, was but two years of age at the time of his mother's demise. The family returned to Massachusetts and he was reared in that state, supplementing his public-school education by a course at Harvard, from which he was graduated with the class of 1860. He then took up the study of law, but ere fully qualifying for the bar joined the army, for the country had become involved in civil war. In January, 1862, he was appointed second lieutenant of Company F, Second Massachusetts Regiment, and in July of the same year was advanced to the rank of captain and assistant adjutant-general of the Third Brigade, First Division, of General N. P. Banks' Army Corps. At different times he served on the staff of General Gordon, General Butler and General E. O. C. Orde, and on the 18th of January, 1865, he was appointed major of the Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry. On the 31st of March of the same year he was brevetted lieutenant-colonel in recognition of distinguished service on the field, and on the 25th of April of the same year was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry, with which he remained until honorably discharged and mustered out on the 14th of November, 1865. His service was oftentimes of a most difficult, arduous and delicate character. He participated in a number of hotly-contested engagements and was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville. He returned home with a most creditable military record and has every reason to be proud of this chapter in his life history.

After the war Colonel Scott went to Florida, where he engaged in the raising of cotton for three years, and on the expiration of that period made his way to Burlington, Iowa, where he has since maintained his residence, being numbered among the valued citizens of Des Moines county for a period of forty-six years. He entered the employ of Charles E. Perkins, president of the Burlington Railroad, in a most responsible connection, having charge of his landed interests, which he has carefully managed throughout all of the intervening period to the present time, displaying therein marked business ability, sound judgment and keen sagacity.

On the 20th of June, 1872, Colonel Scott was united in marriage to Miss Leonora Cranch, of New York city, and they have become

the parents of seven children: George Cranch, who is engaged in the brokerage business in Boston; Henry Russell, a member of the bar of Boston; Sarah Carlisle, at home; Richard Gordon, who is engaged in farming near Portland, Oregon; Christopher P., who is conducting an electrical business at Portland, Oregon; Elizabeth, at home; and Margaret, the wife of Edward Lincoln, a civil engineer of Portland, Maine.

Colonel Scott gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has stanchly supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, casting his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He is a member of the Loyal Legion and of the Unitarian church. His has been an active, useful and honorable life, characterized at every point by the same loyalty and fidelity which he displayed when he followed the nation's starry banner upon the battlefields of the south.

H. F. STEINLE, M. D.

A liberal education and hospital practice qualified Dr. H. F. Steinle for his professional service in Burlington, where he located in the fall of 1891. He has since been an active member of the profession here and has specialized in general surgery. He was born in Galena, Illinois, on the 9th of April, 1867, and is a son of William and Katherine (Schier) Steinle. The father was a miner, active in the development of the Galena deposits in northwestern Illinois.

Dr. Steinle attended the public schools of his native city and also of California, to which state the family removed in 1877, when he was a lad of ten years. Subsequently he became a pupil in St. Ignatius College at San Francisco, and having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered Gross Medical College, the medical department of the Rocky Mountain University, from which he was graduated in 1890. Not content with the preparation that he had thus far made, he took a post-graduate course in the Polyclinic, of Chicago. He did interne work in the Union Pacific Hospital at Denver, and also in the county hospital there, thus greatly promoting his skill and efficiency by reason of the broad experience that can only be gained in hospital practice. For a brief time he was connected professionally with a mining company at Silver City, Colorado. In the fall of 1891 he came to Burlington, where he has since remained. Opening an office, his share of the

public patronage has come to him in large measure, for it was not long before he had demonstrated his skill and ability in solving many intricate professional problems. He specializes in general surgery and at all times keeps in touch with the advanced scientific methods of handling intricate and delicate surgical work. His success has as its foundation a comprehensive knowledge of anatomy and the component parts of the human body, and, moreover, he recognizes the ravages of disease, whether coming as a legacy from progenitors or incurred at the present hour. He is calm and quiet in an emergency and a cool head and steady nerves are elements in his success in surgical work.

In 1893 Dr. Steinle was united in marriage to Miss Barbara B. Muckensturm, of Burlington, a daughter of Valentine and Katherine Muckensturm, who were pioneer settlers of this city. The father was a cooper and followed his trade for many years. Dr. Steinle and his wife have one son, George H., who is now a medical student in the St. Louis University medical school. The parents hold membership in St. Paul's Catholic church, and Dr. Steinle also has membership with the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, the Eagles, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he is a democrat, but the only office that he has sought or held has been in the strict path of his profession. In 1895 he was elected health officer and city physician for a term of two years, and was again chosen for that office in 1899, serving until 1901. He is now city police surgeon. He has the faculty of inspiring confidence in his patients and his presence seems to carry encouragement with it. He has high ideals concerning his profession and has made every possible effort to acquaint himself with the most valuable and modern scientific methods.

CARL AUGUST ANDERSON.

For a third of a century Carl August Anderson has been a resident of Burlington and in the intervening years has gradually worked his way upward until he stands as one of the leading general contractors of the city. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished by reason of his close application, his thorough reliability and the intelligent direction of his activities.

He was born in Westergotland, Sweden, January 15, 1857, a son of A. Johnson and Johanna (Anderson) Anderson. His father, also

a native of Westergotland, born in 1821, was a cabinetmaker by trade and spent his entire life in Sweden, where he passed away in 1909. His wife, who was born in Westergotland in 1823, died in 1906. They were the parents of four children: Amelia, who came to America in 1893 and is now the wife of C. J. Ostrin, of Salem, Oregon; John, who died in Sweden; and Carl August and A. Anderson, who both came to the new world, the former in 1881 and the latter in 1883, and live in Burlington.

Carl A. Anderson attended the public schools of his native place until he had graduated and later was a student in a polytechnic school in Stockholm, in which city he lived for seven years. When his textbooks were put aside he took up the trade of cabinetmaking under his father and afterward was employed in various factories and on different buildings in Stockholm. In addition to cabinetmaking he learned carpentering and became an expert workman in both lines. He also occupied a position in Sweden which afforded him a great deal of mill experience, which he has since found to be exceedingly valuable to him.

While Mr. Anderson advanced steadily in business in his native country he felt that there were still better advantages to be enjoyed in the United States and accordingly in 1881 he sailed for the new world, arriving at Boston in November of that year. He at once crossed the country to Burlington and during the intervening period, covering a third of a century, has made his home in this city, where he is today known as one of the leading contractors. He entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company in the construction of their shops and later was employed by various contractors, during which period he was gaining a knowledge of conditions in relation to the builder's trade in America. He began contracting on his own account in 1891 and stands today in a prominent position among the builders and contractors of the city. He has received contracts for the erection of a number of notable public buildings as well as others of individual ownership. He erected the county poor farm building at a cost of fourteen thousand dollars for the contract work, the county furnishing the material, and later, when it burned down, he erected the present building at a cost of seventeen thousand dollars. He built the Lincoln school at a cost of sixteen thousand dollars and has built churches and many other important edifices in the city. He was also the builder of large churches in Monmouth and Galesburg, Illinois, and a school in La Harpe, Illinois, and has also erected a large number of the fine homes in Bur-

lington. He erected his own residence in 1894 and he owns a number of other buildings, which he rents.

On the 9th of June, 1882, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Louise Larson, who was born in Sweden in 1860 and died in 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were born three children, all born in Burlington. Hulda is now the wife of Anthony C. Jugenheimer, of Burlington, and they have a daughter, Virginia Louise Charlotte, seven years of age. David Gordon, a contractor and builder of Burlington, married Hortense Richter and they have a son, Gordon Richter, four years of age. Ruth is the wife of Albert J. Grulke, who is engaged in the clothing business in Atlantic, Iowa. They have a son, Carl Albert, a year old. Mrs. Anderson was a member of the Swedish Baptist church and a lady of many good qualities, so that her death was deeply regretted.

On the 17th of June, 1896, Mr. Anderson married again, his second union being with Miss Bothilda Johnson, who was born at Skone, Sweden, January 27, 1868, a daughter of Bengt and Inga (Bengtson) Johnson. Her father was born in Sweden about 1831 and died in 1871. The mother's birth occurred in Sweden in 1831 and she passed away in the same country in 1910. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Anderson came to America in 1893 and her sister, Sigrid, in 1896. The latter married Charles Helander, of Illinois. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson three children have been born. Anna Lydia, who was born October 11, 1897, is attending high school. Eva Virginia, born April 4, 1902, and Howard Carl, born July 18, 1906, are also in school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson hold membership in the Swedish Baptist church and are much interested in its work and upbuilding. Mr. Anderson is now serving as church treasurer, is deacon of the church and for a number of years has been a teacher in the Sunday school and is now superintendent, doing all in his power to further the cause and advance the interests of the organization. They have a beautiful home in Burlington and although Mr. Anderson came to America in very moderate financial circumstances, he has steadily worked his way upward and through his industry, capability and fidelity to his contracts has won a liberal patronage that now supplies him with all of the comforts of life. He no longer finds it necessary to do actual work in the execution of his contracts but still gives personal direction to the labors of those in his employ. In 1912 he and his wife returned to Sweden, spending three months in the land of their birth, renewing the acquaintances of youth and winning many new friends. Their Burlington home is a hospitable one whose good

cheer is greatly enjoyed by those who know them. Mr. Anderson is genial, cordial and always approachable, and his social qualities have won him personal popularity.

HON. AUGUST H. KUHLEMEIER.

The Hon. August H. Kuhlemeier, of Burlington, Iowa, was well known in insurance circles of the state as president of the Merchants Life Association of Burlington, at the head of which he served until he passed away on November 2, 1903. He took an important part in the public life of his city and state, serving upon the school board and in the legislature, and by presidential appointment he also held the office of collector of internal revenue for some time.

Mr. Kuhlemeier was born in Lippe-Detmold, Germany, December 10, 1846, and in 1853 came with his parents to the United States, the family settling in Freeport, Illinois. There our subject attended school, and after discontinuing his lessons became a clerk in a dry goods store. He continued in that line for about six years and then entered the employ of the German Insurance Company of Freeport as agent. He seemed to be particularly adapted for this line of business and soon became so successful that four years later he was appointed general agent for the states of Iowa, Nebraska and the Dakotas, building up a highly profitable business in this territory. In 1870 Mr. Kuhlemeier came to Burlington, Iowa, and engaged in business at the corner of Valley and Main streets, in partnership with F. E. Hoffmann and I. M. Chrissinger. A few years later he acquired the interests of his associates and continued the business alone until 1885, when he sold out to George A. Duncan upon being appointed internal revenue collector for the fourth Iowa district. In 1889, at the expiration of his term, Mr. Kuhlemeier organized the Merchants Life Association of Burlington, of which he became the president, in which capacity he remained until he passed away on November 2, 1903. Under his able management the Merchants Life Association became one of the foremost insurance companies that have their home offices in this state. Much of its success must be ascribed to the activities of Mr. Kuhlemeier, who combined an aggressive business policy with long years of experience in insurance work. He was one of the foremost business men of Burlington, not only interested in commercial affairs, but well



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known in public, political and social circles. He was esteemed for his high qualities of character.

In Charles City, Iowa, Mr. Kuhlemeier was married June 13, 1872, to Miss Lena Cramer, a native of Germany, and they had three sons, Frederick J., August R. and Henry F., all of whom are well known residents of Burlington.

Mr. Kuhlemeier gave his stanch support to the democratic party. In 1878-79 he represented the sixth ward in the city council and later was elected to the lower house of the state legislature. He ably represented the interests of his constituency and his name was connected with much important legislation that came to fruition while he was a member of the house. From 1885 to 1889, under the administration of President Cleveland, Mr. Kuhlemeier served as collector of internal revenue for the fourth district of Iowa. He made an excellent record and earned high commendation from the Washington department. After returning to private life Mr. Kuhlemeier did valuable work as a member of the city school board, having always been interested in the cause of education. During his later years he retired more and more from public affairs and spent much of his leisure time out of doors. He was a true sportsman and was considered an expert with rod and gun. In that connection he was well known as a member of the Crystal Lake Club, of which he was one of the organizers and served as a member of its board until his death. Along fraternal lines he belonged to Harmonia Lodge, No. 209, I. O. O. F., and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His religious faith was that of the German Lutheran church, of which he was a member. During his long years of residence in Burlington, Mr. Kuhlemeier had a beneficial influence upon the business, intellectual and moral life of the city, and his memory is venerated by his many friends as that of a man who in an unselfish way did much for the public welfare.

WASHINGTON DALLAM GILBERT.

Washington Dallam Gilbert was numbered among those enterprising and progressive men who made Burlington one of the centers of the lumber trade of the middle west. He also contributed to the upbuilding and development of the city through the building and sale of homes. His well-defined plans were always carried for-

ward to successful completion and his efforts were of a character that contributed to public progress, as well as to individual success.

He was a representative of an old southern family, being a grandson of Samuel Gilbert, who removed from Virginia to Kentucky, where he owned a large tobacco plantation, which he cultivated with the aid of slaves, who were also a part of his possessions. However, he became convinced that the system of holding human beings in bondage was wrong, and therefore freed all of his slaves, but old Mammy Ailsie, who refused her freedom and remained to nurse her master through his last sickness. His son, Samuel Gilbert, Jr., was born in Kentucky and in early manhood wedded Philotheta Parker, whose birth occurred in New York, in 1798. She was a representative of an old American family, and in still earlier generations, of English ancestry, being a lineal descendant of the Parker earls, of Macclesfield. The first to leave England to become the American progenitor of the family settled in Massachusetts about 1645, with his family, and when an Indian massacre occurred, to which the parents were victims, the children escaped by hiding in the grass. The youngest son, Samuel Parker, after reaching adult age, removed to Coventry, Connecticut, and there lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and six years. He built the first house and barn in Coventry and was the first deacon in the first Congregational church there. One of his descendants, Samuel Parker, the father of Mrs. Philotheta Gilbert, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and a pioneer citizen of Louisville, Kentucky, having left New York in a covered wagon and driving across the country to Louisville. At that time his daughter was a girl of thirteen summers. They remained in Kentucky until after her marriage. After reaching womanhood she became the wife of Samuel Gilbert, Jr., and in 1827 they became residents of Galena, Illinois. Afterward they lived for two years in Cassville, Wisconsin, and subsequently started for Prairie du Chien, then one of the outposts on the western frontier and the site of Fort Crawford. The pioneers of that district mingled freely with the Indians of the Sac, Fox, Winnebago and Menominee tribes. Mr. Gilbert was one of the pioneer lumbermen in the upper country and his operations along that line constituted an element in the development and prosperity of the state. About 1845 he left Prairie du Chien and established the family home at Albany, Illinois.

W. Dallam Gilbert was born at Cassville, Crawford county, Wisconsin, in February, 1829, while his parents were en route to Prairie du Chien. In the latter place he spent sixteen years and during that period pursued his education under private instruction. In 1845 he

went with the family to Albany, Illinois, and about that time made his initial step in the business world by taking a raft of logs down the river to Fort Madison, where he sold the logs for his father. His early connection with mercantile life was as a clerk in the employ of the Nelson & Gilbert Company at Wilson's Landing, Wisconsin. He was nineteen years of age when he embarked in business on his own account, joining his brother in the purchase of a lumber mill at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. From that period he was closely connected with the lumber trade, operating in his native state until 1851, when he removed to Burlington and entered into partnership with John W. Gilbert. They established a lumberyard and as the years passed found it necessary to increase their facilities from time to time. Not only did they sell the manufactured product, but also became owners of timber lands and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, building up a business of extensive and gratifying proportions. Mr. Gilbert became an extensive dealer in pine lands and operated mills in both Minnesota and Wisconsin, and a boom company in the state of Washington, where he also owned extensive pineries. As he prospered in his undertakings he utilized his opportunities for judicious investment in real estate and became the owner of much valuable property in Burlington. He laid out two additions to the city, which bear his name. A contemporary biographer says: "Mr. Gilbert and his business associates probably did more toward the upbuilding and development of Burlington than any other individual or corporation. He erected many houses which he sold on easy terms, thus adding to the material improvement of the city and making possible the ownership of homes to many men in moderate financial circumstances."

Aside from his lumber and real-estate interests, Mr. Gilbert extended his efforts to banking and became one of the officials of the German-American Savings Bank, and one of the directors of the Merchants National Bank of Burlington. It seemed that his judgment in business matters was never at fault. His opinions were never hastily formed or ill-advised, but were the result of careful consideration of each phase of a business situation. When once his plans were formulated, however, they were promptly executed and carried forward to successful completion. To build up rather than to destroy was ever his broad policy, and his path was never strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes.

In 1859 Mr. Gilbert was united in marriage to Miss Hetta Wells Merrill, who was born in Plymouth, New Hampshire, in 1835 and was descended from a long line of Puritan ancestors. The records

indicate that the line can be traced back to the Du Merles, a Huguenot family of the nobility of France. The Du Merle family and the Merrill family sprang from the same source, the former having lived in France and the latter in Salisbury, England. Their relationship is undisputed from the fact that they have the same crest. The only change was when, on the eve of the massacre of St. Bartholomew, representatives of the family went to England, the fleur-de-lis of France was erased from the shield and the peacock head substituted, but the crest remained the same, as did the motto, "He conquers who endures." The Merrill family in time became connected with the faith of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, and Nathaniel Merrill, emigrating from England, settled in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1633, and two years later became one of the founders and pioneer residents of old Newbury. Stevens Merrill, the father of Mrs. Hetta (Merrill) Gilbert, was a merchant of Boston, and in 1829 went to Mobile, Alabama, to market lumber and to manage a sawmill. He lived at Boston, and at Plymouth, New Hampshire. He was among those who went to the gold mines of California in 1849. He came from Boston to Burlington and here purchased the home now owned by his granddaughter, Mrs. Cate Gilbert Wells. The house is known as Hickory Hill and a part of it was built sixty-five years ago. Stevens Merrill was united in marriage to Mehetabel Worthley Wells and it was their daughter, Hetta Wells Merrill, who became the wife of Washington Dallam Gilbert. She was born in Plymouth, New Hampshire, and at seven years of age accompanied her parents to Boston, to make her home. Mrs. Gilbert was educated at Bradford and other New England schools and seminaries, and at one time lived in the old Merrill homestead, just opposite the Longfellow house in Cambridge. She was a lady of broad culture and marked literary taste.

Washington Dallam Gilbert died April 16, 1894, leaving to his widow and daughter a large estate. He was a devoted member of the Congregational church and was most generous in his support thereof. He was also an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and at one time he served as a member of the city council of Burlington. He was defeated for mayor by the democrats. He stood for all that is progressive in community affairs and gave his support to those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. His life was indeed a valuable factor in the upbuilding of Burlington along material, social, political and moral lines. He had the active cooperation of Mrs. Gilbert in all that he did for the

benefit of his city and church, and, like him, she was a leader in the community. She was president of the Norman Circle of King's Daughters for many years. Thus it is that the history of Mr. and Mrs. Washington Dallam Gilbert has become an inseparable part of the annals of Burlington, where, locating at an early day, they took a most active, helpful and beneficial interest in the work of progress and improvement.

WILLIAM CARSON.

An institution to which Burlington points with just pride is the First National Bank, but with still greater pride she recites the history of its president, William Carson. Not alone in one field of endeavor has he operated and carried his interests forward to success, but along other lines of activity he has proven equally forceful and resourceful. He is particularly well known in connection with the lumber trade in the Mississippi valley and in the northwest. What he has accomplished has represented the fit utilization of the innate powers and talents which are his, and never at any time has he deviated from the highest standards of justice in business dealings. He has never taken advantage of the necessities of others, and therefore his path is not strewn with the wreck of others' fortunes. In a word, his course has been guided by high standards of business integrity and honor, and thus it is that his life record reflects credit upon the city in which he makes his home.

While an Iowan by adoption, Mr. Carson is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred at Eau Galle, November 9, 1859, his parents being William and Mary (Smith) Carson. The family is of Scotch lineage and was founded in America by the grandfather, William Carson, who was born near Glasgow, Scotland, and in that country married a Miss Robertson. He afterward brought his wife to the new world, settling at Inverness, Canada, his remaining days being spent in that city and in Quebec. It was at Inverness that his son, William Carson II, was born in 1819. He was educated in the schools of Quebec, and in his youthful days came to the United States, making his way to St. Louis, Missouri. However, he went to Wisconsin in 1838 and was a pioneer lumberman of that state, becoming interested in mills at various places, including Eau Galle, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, and Rice Lake, while for some time he

was identified with the lumber business at Burlington in connection with the late E. D. Rand. They were among the first to sell lumber here and to promote lumber manufacturing in this city. The partnership continued until the death of Mr. Rand.

Mr. Carson passed away in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, at the ripe old age of seventy-nine years. No special advantages were his at the outset of his career, but he early learned the eternal principle that industry wins, and industry became the beacon light of his life. He added thereto perseverance and keen sagacity, and not a single act of his business career sought disguise. His dealings were always done in the open and the integrity of his methods was never questioned. As he prospered in the lumber trade he became also a factor in financial circles, becoming identified with banking interests at Eau Claire. He voted with the democratic party, yet was not a politician in the sense of office seeking. Outside of business he was perhaps best known, however, as a philanthropist, and various benevolent interests of the middle west benefited by his generosity, while the number of individuals whom he assisted was almost limitless. He was continually extending a helping hand, especially where he saw on the part of the individual a willingness to help himself. He judged men not by wealth, but by worth of character, and sought to place before all the opportunity which would lead them into larger and better surroundings. To him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Smith, and whom he had wedded at Prairie du Chien, there were born five daughters and a son. The mother passed away in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, nine years prior to the death of her husband.

William Carson, Burlington's well-known banker, began his education in the public schools of his native town, and afterward studied in Burlington and in St. Paul, Minnesota, completing a high-school course. He next matriculated in Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, where he remained for three years. His initial step in the business world was made in connection with the lumber trade at Burlington as an employe of the Burlington Lumber Company, in which his father was interested. He did not depend upon parental influence to secure him advancement, but won his promotion as other young men did, and in due time became secretary of the company, and later its vice president. The business was incorporated, and William Carson contributed largely to the success of the enterprise, which is now one of the mammoth manufacturing concerns of the state, turning out twenty-five million feet of lumber annually, while the plant covers an area of fifteen acres.

Mr. Carson also became a director of the Rand Lumber Company, controlling one of the extensive enterprises of that character on the river. He has voice in the management of other business concerns because of his financial and official connections therewith, being vice president of the Rice Lake Company at Rice Lake, Wisconsin; president of the Boise Payette Lumber Company, of Boise, Idaho; vice president of the Cascade Lumber Company, of North Yakima, Washington, and a director in other lumber companies.

After demonstrating his ability to handle important manufacturing interests and to control the financial side of a business he was called to the presidency of the First National Bank of Burlington, which is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars and which has recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. On that occasion the bank issued an attractively engraved announcement card, one corner of which was decorated with a spray of golden rod. On the card appeared the words:

"April nineteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, marks our fiftieth anniversary. Behind us we have fifty years of business success—success due to the trust reposed in us by our patrons. May we express to you our most sincere thanks for your confidence and patronage, which have served us so well.

"FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
Burlington, Iowa."

"Charter No. 351.

The bank's original charter was granted March 29, 1864, and on the 19th of April of that year the institution opened its doors for business at the southwest corner of Jefferson and North Third streets, its officers being: Lyman Cook, president; and George C. Lauman, cashier. These gentlemen, together with D. M. Ewing, Erastus Chamberlin, J. L. Corse, Anthony Wayne Carpenter, M. S. Foote, D. Denise and Joseph Norton, constituted the board of directors. There has been comparatively little change in the personnel of the bank. Mr. Cook remained as president until his death, October 1, 1898, when he was succeeded by his son-in-law, William Carson, the present incumbent, while W. P. Foster, the cashier, was promoted to vice president. The first depositor of the bank was Clark Marble, and four others made deposits on the same day. The oldest of the accounts of the bank at present is that of the S. R. & I. C. McConnell Company. It started in November, 1864, under the name of James McConnell, father of Messrs. S. R. and I. C. McConnell, president and vice president, respectively, of the present corporation.

On the 4th of March, 1885, Mr. Carson was united in marriage to Miss Louise Cook, a daughter of Lyman Cook, the first president of the First National Bank of Burlington, and they have two daughters, Dorothy and Louise. Mrs. Carson belongs to the Congregational church, and Mr. Carson contributes liberally to its support. He votes with the democratic party and neglects no duty of citizenship, but has always preferred that his public service should be done as a private citizen rather than as an officeholder. The highest success can never be attained by one who does not find joy in his work. This Mr. Carson has always done. It has been a pleasure to him to solve business problems, and the more intricate the more readily he has attacked them. He has ever carefully formulated his plans and carried them forward to successful completion. Broadening the scope of his activities year by year, he has long stood as one of the foremost representatives of the lumber trade in the middle west, and for an extended period has ranked with the leading bankers of the upper Mississippi valley.

JAMES LYMAN EDWARDS.

Since 1885 James Lyman Edwards has been closely connected with financial interests in Burlington and is today president of the Merchants National Bank, which he entered in the position of general bookkeeper. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible. The years have marked his constantly expanding powers and he has wisely used his time and opportunities until he stands today as one of the active and influential factors in banking circles not only of the city, but of the state, his sound judgment enabling him to solve many complex and intricate problems of finance. Iowa claims him as a native son, his parents being Manasseh and Orra W. (Hurd) Edwards, whose biography appears on another page in this volume.

James Lyman Edwards was born in Morning Sun, October 2, 1864, and there at the usual age entered the public schools. He also studied for a time in Wapello, Iowa, and after the removal of the family to Burlington pursued a course in the Orchard City Business College. Thus well equipped he entered upon a commercial career in connection with the boot and shoe house of H. A. Brown & Company. After a brief period spent as bookkeeper he accepted a similar position with the Burlington School Furniture Company, with



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which he was connected for two years. Removing to Red Oak, Iowa, he became, a little later, an employe of the Red Oak National Bank, with which he was connected until he came to Burlington on the 21st of October to enter the Merchants National Bank of this city as general bookkeeper. His identification with the institution continues to the present time, covering a period of almost three decades. Advancement came to him on the 4th of October, 1897, when he was made cashier, remaining continuously in that position for about seven years, or until April 28, 1904, when he was chosen president, being the youngest bank president in Iowa having control of a moneyed institution of such extent and importance as the Merchants National Bank of Burlington. Since chosen cashier he has been active in formulating its policy and has ever recognized the fact that the bank which is most worthy of patronage is that which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors. He has ever tempered progressiveness by a safe conservatism, and no feature of the banking business has been neglected. He has also become interested in other banking institutions of the middle west and was one of the promoters and upbuilders of the First National Bank of Dallas City, Illinois, in which he is still a director. He is president of the Iowa State Bankers Association and served on the executive council of the American Bankers Association from 1905 to 1908.

Mr. Edwards belongs to the First Presbyterian church of Burlington and to Malta Lodge, No. 318, F. & A. M. He is also connected with the Commercial Exchange of the city and he votes with the republican party. All through his life he has accomplished what he has undertaken, and obstacles and difficulties in his path have but served as an impetus for renewed effort. When energy and ambition lead the way the path becomes clear and the goal of success will ultimately be reached. These facts J. Lyman Edwards recognized at the outset of his career and he has ever cultivated those qualities which are of the greatest force and effect in business.

WILLIAM FREDERICK DANNIES.

William Frederick Dannies is a contractor and builder of Burlington, and by the consensus of public opinion is regarded as one of the foremost in his line in the city. It is an old and trite saying that there is always room at the top, but if there were a

keener appreciation of this statement it might serve to stimulate the efforts of those men dependent upon their own resources for advancement. It has been industry and close application that have brought Mr. Dannies to his present position, where a liberal patronage is accorded him and where his reputation has gained for him a place in the very front rank of the contractors and builders of the city.

He was born in Prussia, Germany, February 23, 1860, a son of Frederick and Mary (Schachel) Dannies. The father was born in Germany in 1818 and came to America in 1871, bringing his family direct to Burlington, Iowa. He was a farmer by occupation, and, following his arrival in Des Moines county, remained a resident of Augusta township until his death, which occurred in July, 1899. His wife, who was born in Germany in 1832, passed away in 1890. They were the parents of four children: William Frederick; Adolph, now a resident of Colorado; Louis, deceased; and Louisa, a twin of Louis and the wife of William Madlener, living on the old homestead in Augusta township.

William F. Dannies attended school in Germany and also in Augusta township, where he arrived when a youth of eleven years. He later pursued a course in Elliott's Business College at Burlington, and in early life he was employed on various farms, but his natural mechanical genius sought expression and he began work at the stonecutter's trade, which he followed for two years. He next took up the carpenter's trade, which he learned under A. M. Ziegler, entering his employ in 1884. He worked in and around Augusta until about twenty-six years ago, when he began contracting on his own account and removed to Burlington in 1897. Here he built his present beautiful residence, an excellent expression of the modern style of architecture, in which is combined beauty, utility and convenience. He now does general contract work in building, and erected the store of S. R. & I. C. McConnell, the United Presbyterian church, the Christian church, the Northwestern cabinet factory, the Prospect fire station and many private homes in and near Burlington. He possesses expert mechanical knowledge and skill and is thus able to direct the efforts of those whom he employs. His patronage is now extensive, and his business is bringing to him a gratifying financial return annually. His standing in the line of his chosen profession is indicated in the fact that he was elected president of the Builders and Contractors Association in January, 1905, and has also been vice president of the General Mechanics Association. His work is ever of the best, his judgment is reliable, and in all his business dealings he is found thoroughly trustworthy. He

makes it a point to promptly fill his contracts, and never promotes his profits by using inferior materials.

On the 13th of January, 1897, Mr. Dannies was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Hohl, who was born in Burlington in 1866, a daughter of Jacob and Dorothy (Wehman) Hohl. The Hohls are an old and highly respected German family of Burlington. Her grandparents came to this city at a very early day and located on what is known as South Hill when there were only three houses on the hill. Her father was a native of Germany, born in 1831, and when a boy he came to the new world, settling in this city, where he conducted business as a gardener. Mrs. Hohl was born in Germany in 1840 and passed away in 1899, while Mr. Hohl departed this life in May, 1900. In their family were six children: Emma, the wife of P. J. Paule, of Burlington; John, also of this city; Tillie, now Mrs. Dannies; Edward and Clara, both of Burlington; and William, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dannies are the parents of three children: Emily M., who was born November 25, 1897, and is now attending high school; Clara D., born January 2, 1900, also a high-school pupil; and Edward F., born August 6, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Dannies belong to the Evangelical Zion church, of which he is treasurer and one of the directors at the present time. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party but is not an office seeker. He attributes not a little of his success to the aid and encouragement of his wife. In business he has worked his way steadily upward and is the architect and builder of his own fortune as well as of many of the fine structures of Burlington. He stands for progress and improvement in matters of citizenship and gives his support to many measures for the general good.

HON. CHARLES ELLIOTT PERKINS.

Not by leaps and bounds but through the steps of an orderly progression Charles Elliott Perkins advanced from a humble clerkship to the presidency of one of the chief railroads of the middle west and as a capitalist he controlled various interests which had an important bearing upon the financial history of the Mississippi valley.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 24, 1840, a son of James Handasyd and Sarah Hart (Elliott) Perkins, and died in Westwood, Massachusetts, November 8, 1907. His education was acquired in Boston, Massachusetts, and he made his initial step in

the business world as a clerk. In 1859 he occupied a clerical position in the office of the assistant treasurer of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company in Iowa and thus entered upon a railroad career which was eventually to bring him to a position of distinction among the railroad magnates of the country. Ability brought him to the front and in 1860 he was made assistant treasurer of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company. Five years later he was advanced to the superintendency of the road and in 1872 was elected vice president and director of the same road in Nebraska. His identification with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad began in 1876, when he was elected vice president and director. Five years spent in the second office of the company brought him to the presidency in 1881 and for twenty years he continued as the chief executive head of that corporation, resigning as president in 1901. His name is written large upon the pages of the history of railroad development in the middle west. He constantly extended the line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, improved the service and, bending his energies to administrative direction and executive control, made it one of the leading railroads of the Mississippi valley with important connections with other lines. His investments are indicated somewhat in the fact that he was a director of the First National Bank, the Iowa State Savings Bank and the National State Bank, all of Burlington. He was also a trustee of the George M. Pullman Foundation.

On the 22d of September, 1864, at Milton, Massachusetts, Mr. Perkins was united in marriage to Miss Edith Forbes, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins became the parents of the following children: Robert F., who married Miss Evelyn Gray; Alice Forbes, now Mrs. William Hooper; Edith Forbes, who is the wife of Edward Cunningham; Margaret Forbes, who married George T. Rice; Charles E., who married Miss Leita Amory; and Mary Russell.

There was a time when the cheap politician and the sensational newspaper made the term big business almost synonymous with the term bad business in the popular mind, but in verification of the statement of Abraham Lincoln that "You can't fool all of the people all of the time," the public awakened to the fact that the popular belief could not be substantiated. "In union there is strength" and studied from the standpoint of economics it is seen that the most effective and valuable results are attained in a concentration of effort, cooperation and a systematization of related interests. The farsighted business man, the one who becomes a real leader in the work

of upbuilding and progress, has fully demonstrated the truth of these statements with the result that some of the most beneficial business enterprises of the country have been formulated and promoted and their worth is today an accepted fact. Among those who have been leaders in this work with its far-reaching influences is Charles Elliott Perkins and Iowa has been one of the direct beneficiaries of his labors.

JOHN WEBSTER GILBERT.

For many years the late John Webster Gilbert was prominent in the lumber industry in the state of Iowa as the senior member of the firm of Gilbert, Hedge & Company. In his early youth he began his career as a lumberman and by his energy and ability rose to a position which made him one of the most influential men in that line of business. Moreover, Mr. Gilbert was connected with other important industrial and financial concerns of Burlington, to the building of which he contributed in yet another way by the erection of the Gilbert block. He was always a force for development and advancement and while attaining individual success did much for the public welfare.

Mr. Gilbert was born near Louisville, Kentucky, December 10, 1824, and died in Burlington, Iowa, January 16, 1897, his death bringing sorrow to many homes, for he had many friends in this section of the state. He was a son of Samuel and Philotheta (Parker) Gilbert, who in 1825 removed to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, where the father operated a sawmill in the pine woods at Menomonie.

John W. Gilbert acquired his education in the public schools of Prairie du Chien and when yet a boy spent much of his time in the mills which were operated by his father. After completing his school course he became his father's active assistant and so continued until he reached his majority, gaining a wide and valuable knowledge of the manufacture of timber. About that time he became a pilot on the river, taking rafts down the Mississippi to Burlington, St. Louis and other points. This was in the days before steam navigation and rafting played a most important part in the lumber business.

The year 1851 marked Mr. Gilbert's arrival in Burlington, where in partnership with his brother, W. D. Gilbert, he established one of the most important lumber enterprises of the city, operating under the name of J. W. & W. D. Gilbert. Their yard was located at

Eighth and Jefferson streets and this company and its successors have continued its principal offices and yard at that location to this date. The lumberyard was laid out by Mr. Gilbert according to his own plans and the site was selected by him as the most advantageous position in regard to river and rail connections. Thus early he gave evidence of his rare business acumen and the enterprise was a success from the beginning and grew to proportions which had not been foreseen by its founder. Some time after the formation of the new firm a third brother, James Isham Gilbert, joined the firm and later Thomas Hedge also became a partner, the style then being changed to that of Gilbert, Hedge & Company. They branched out into various lines of the lumber industry, from owning valuable timber lands in the north woods to managing branch retail yards in various cities and towns of the Mississippi valley. The firm became a power in the industrial world of the state and in the history of Burlington played a most important role. Their connections extended all over the state and their operations grew so constantly that the partners soon were accounted among the wealthy men of Burlington. John W. Gilbert was actively connected with the business until his death. Since then his place has been taken by his son, Samuel P. Gilbert, while Mr. Hedge has been succeeded by his son, the Hon. Thomas Hedge. Mr. Gilbert, Jr., now holds the position of secretary and treasurer of the company.

John W. Gilbert had many other business and financial associations. He was a director and vice president of the German-American Bank and was also interested in the Glazebly Carriage Works. In the earlier days of the history of the city he was intimately connected with its government and those men who worked in its development. He ardently supported the plans for various railroad lines which have been built into and through the city. In fact, there was nothing of public interest which did not receive his sympathetic support.

On March 22, 1853, Mr. Gilbert married Miss Harriet Holbrook, who was born in Columbia, near Hartford, Connecticut, a daughter of Silas and Mina (Little) Holbrook. The Holbrooks are of early colonial stock, the original American ancestor having come from England in 1635, settling at Weymouth, Massachusetts. The Littles were also an early New England family. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert were the parents of four children, of whom two reached maturity: James, who died in 1895; and Samuel P., who is today prominent in the commercial life of Burlington and the state as secretary and treasurer of Gilbert, Hedge & Company.

Mr. Gilbert was not only interested in material growth and development but was concerned about the intellectual progress and moral upbuilding of the race. His church affiliations were with the Congregational denomination, of which organization he was a member and trustee. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and in the early days he served as alderman of the city of Burlington and also as street commissioner. However, as the years passed his business interests grew so rapidly and demanded so much of his time that he found it impossible to actively participate in governmental affairs although his interest in the city of Burlington never waned. Mr. Gilbert was one of those American citizens who may be classed with the empire builders of the middle west. He readily recognized that opportunities were but waiting for those who would venture to take hold, and he made his way to prosperity by utilizing conditions as they presented themselves. Such success as attended his labors was well merited and entirely the product of his brain and his perseverance. As a citizen his life record may serve as a model to any young man who begins his career empty-handed and who wants to win not only wealth but the esteem of his fellow citizens.

HARRY E. BROOKS.

Harry E. Brooks is the owner of one of the most attractive country residences in Des Moines county. His place is called "The Elms" because of the many fine old trees of that kind on his land. He owns sixty acres on West avenue, within the city limits of Burlington, and is extensively engaged in the dairy business.

He was born February 2, 1865, in the city in which he still makes his home, his parents being Francis W. and Harriet C. (Williams) Brooks, in whose family of nine children he was the sixth in order of birth. He has called Burlington his home throughout his entire life. His early education was acquired in the public schools of this city and he afterward attended a preparatory school at Princeton, New Jersey, from which he was graduated with the class of 1883. He was for eight years a student there and all of his brothers were educated there.

After his graduation Harry E. Brooks entered into active connection with the banking business, to which he devoted twenty-five years of his life, being connected with banking interests in Burlington; Minneapolis; Aberdeen, South Dakota; and Ortonville, Min-

nesota. Owing to impaired health he came to the farm upon which he now resides, having a tract of sixty acres on West avenue, within the corporation limits of Burlington. This is a dairy farm and he has a fine herd of twenty-five Jerseys and Guernseys. He has made most of the improvements upon this place, which is most attractive in its equipment and in its tasteful appearance. There was a fine old brick home which he has converted into a modern residence. He has many conveniences, has most commodious and substantial buildings, and his farm is lighted by electricity. The latest farm machinery is to be seen upon his place and because of its location he is able to enjoy all of the advantages of both farm and city life. Aside from his dairy interests Mr. Brooks is a stockholder in the National State Bank, which is the successor of the old Brooks Bank.

Mr. Brooks has been married twice. In 1886 he wedded Kate L. Cheeseman, of Minneapolis, who died in 1901, leaving two children: Harry E., who is now in Portland, Oregon; and Margaret L., at home. In 1908 Mr. Brooks was again married, his second union being with Louise Schwerin, a native of Des Moines county. They are both well known in Burlington and enjoy the high regard of many with whom they have been brought in contact.

CARL LOHMANN.

Carl Lohmann was one of the founders of the Volksfreund and is still at the head of that paper. Moreover, he is a most influential figure among the German-American citizens of Burlington, and his efforts have been an active element in advancing public progress along many lines. Born in Germany on the 17th of October, 1845, he is a native of the dukedom of Brunswick and is a son of Carl and Fredericka (Reese) Lohmann. The father has passed away, but the mother is still living at the advanced age of ninety-five years.

Carl Lohmann remained a resident of his native country until he sought the opportunities and advantages of the new world in 1864, arriving in the United States on the 3d of November of that year. For a short time he remained in New York, after which he came to Burlington on the 14th of April, 1865. He had been educated for the profession of teaching and afterward taught at intervals for several years in parochial and private schools, being thus engaged until 1884. In the meantime he followed various other pursuits, including newspaper work. Subsequently he became police clerk and



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filled that position until 1894, when he established the *Volksfreund* in connection with his sons, William C. and Charles H., and his brother, Henry C. This paper was first published as a semi-weekly and from 1895 its publication was continued as a tri-weekly until 1899, when the firm purchased the *Iowa Tribune* and combined the two papers under the name of the *Volksfreund Tribune*. They now issue both daily and weekly editions. This is one of the two German daily papers in Iowa and is liberally patronized. It is printed in the German language and is widely circulated among the sons of the fatherland in this state and their descendants. The subscription list of the weekly is particularly extensive. The *Tribune* was established in 1860 and changed hands several times before it was purchased by Mr. Lohmann. His son, Charles H., and his brother, Henry C., have sold out, but William C. is still connected with his father in the ownership and publication of the *Volksfreund Tribune*.

On the 1st of November, 1865, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Lohmann and Miss Dora Schaper, a native of Germany and a daughter of Christopher Schaper, who brought his family to Burlington in 1852 when his daughter Dora was but nine years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Lohmann have become the parents of nine children: Charles H., a printer of Davenport, who is married and has two children; Lulu, the wife of V. W. Sander, a resident of Idaho, by whom she has four children; William C., who is his father's partner and is married and has four children; Carrie, who married F. H. Jordan, of Topeka, Kansas, and has three children; Tnea, the wife of E. G. Marquardt of Burlington and the mother of four children; Nettie, who is the wife of C. W. Marquardt of Burlington and has five children; Harry, who is with his father and is married and has one child; and two who died in early life. Mr. Lohmann has twenty-four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His mother is a great-great-great-grandmother and five generations of the family are living. Her descendants number nearly one hundred children. She had eight children of her own, six of whom reached adult age.

Mr. Lohmann was reared in the Lutheran church, while his wife holds membership in the Baptist church, and the spirit of Christianity guides them in all their relations and their sterling worth is recognized by all with whom they come in contact. In his political views Mr. Lohmann was a staunch democrat, voting with that party until the election of 1912, when he supported Theodore Roosevelt, the progressive standard bearer, and is now independent in politics. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, to the Com-

mercial Exchange and to the Boat Club. He is well known as a prominent citizen and has been very active in musical circles. In his younger days he was a good pianist and organist and some of the best church choirs and glee clubs had him for their director. His efforts have done much to develop the musical taste and talent in Burlington, and this is but one of the many phases in which his life work has been one of benefit and value to his fellow townsmen.

JOHN BLAUL.

No history of Burlington and Des Moines county would be complete were there failure to make reference to John Blaul and the family of which he is a most worthy representative. The name has long been associated with the commercial development of Burlington and has ever been a synonym for enterprise and honorable dealing. It is true that he whose name introduces this review entered upon a business already established, but in controlling and enlarging this many a man of less resolute spirit and of more limited business capacity would have failed. The wholesale grocery house of the Blaul Company is today the result of the cooperation, enterprise and business capacity of the father and sons and at the head of the business at the present time is John Blaul of this review.

Mr. Blaul was born in Boston, Massachusetts, February 11, 1853, but from the age of four years has been a resident of Burlington. The family name indicates his German lineage. The American progenitor was the Rev. John Blaul, a native of Germany and a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran church. He did not himself come to the new world but his son, John Blaul, crossed the Atlantic and was the founder and promoter of the large wholesale grocery enterprise now conducted under the name of the John Blaul Sons' Company. His birth occurred in Hesse-Darmstadt on the 18th of December, 1826, and he was educated for the profession of school teaching, but he heard the call of the west and could not remain content in his native country with the alluring opportunities of the new world before him. As a passenger on a sailing vessel in the year 1850 he spent three or four months upon the broad Atlantic before reaching the American coast. After a brief period passed in Norwich, Connecticut, he went to Bangor, Maine, and also resided for a time in Boston, Massachusetts, before coming to Burlington. While in Bangor he worked for sixty cents per day and was ready to perform any service that

would enable him to earn a living while he was mastering the English language and acquainting himself with the methods and customs of the new world and its trade conditions. For a time he occupied a position in a machine shop in Bangor, from which he removed in 1856 to Boston. It was through the influence of an old friend, August Poehler, a mechanic, who was employed in Burlington, that he came to this city. Soon after his arrival he secured a position in a tin shop but in 1857 embarked in the retail grocery business on Front street as a partner of Theodore Poehler. These gentlemen were also closely associated through the fact of having married sisters. Their business relations continued harmoniously and uninterruptedly for a number of years but eventually Mr. Poehler withdrew and joined his brother August in business, while Mr. Blaul continued alone in the retail grocery trade until the close of the Civil war in 1865. He then sold out to his former partner and in 1866 reentered the trade as a wholesale and retail grocer at No. 113 Jefferson street. Through the two succeeding years he had as a partner Philip Hoerr and while one was upon the road building up a trade the other managed the business in Burlington. After Mr. Hoerr sold out in 1869 Mr. Blaul was alone until he admitted his oldest son to a partnership in 1882 and later the other sons became members of the firm, at which time the business was conducted under the style of John Blaul & Sons, and the trade was confined exclusively to the wholesale business. The father remained as the administrative head of the business until his life's labors were ended in death on the 27th of January, 1885.

A contemporary biographer has said of him: "He was a prudent, conservative man, whose advancement came through his own untiring efforts, keen discernment, and the careful husbanding of his resources. He concentrated his energies upon his business affairs, and his name became a synonym for honorable dealing and commercial success. He was plain and unostentatious in manner, but possessed the worth of character that won him the confidence of the entire business community. He was married first in Germany to Miss Maria Anna Neufeld, who died in Boston, Massachusetts, in December, 1854. The children of that marriage died in infancy, with the exception of John Blaul, who is now at the head of the grocery house. In 1857 John Blaul, Sr., was again married, his second union being with Caroline Knoener, a daughter of Charles and Katherine Knoener, who were natives of Germany and came to Burlington early in the '50s from Lippe-Detmold. Her father was a school teacher and taught in the parochial schools of Burlington, in connection with the carrying on of agricultural pursuits. His daughter, Mrs. Blaul, died in

August, 1902. The children of this marriage were: Charles; Theodore; Louis; Amelia; Pauline, who died in 1901; and two who died in childhood."

Of this family Charles Blaul was born in Burlington, July 28, 1860, and entered the firm in 1882. He spent eight years as a traveling salesman and then took charge of the coffee and spice mills of the company. In Wapello, Iowa, he wedded Miss Jessie Stephen, a daughter of Levi and Jane (Dickeson) Stephen. Theodore Blaul, born February 23, 1862, was also admitted to partnership in 1882 and in the following year became the representative of the house upon the road, thus remaining until 1886, when he was placed in charge of the canning plant owned and controlled by the firm. On the 14th of October, 1886, he wedded Miss Emma Unterkircher, a daughter of P. F. Unterkircher. The birth of the youngest son, Louis Blaul, occurred October 16, 1863, and after attending the public schools until 1879 he entered the store and was admitted to partnership in 1885. He was head bookkeeper and cashier for a number of years, but in 1902 took up his abode upon a farm south of Burlington. He is still financially interested in the business and has other extensive connections with commercial enterprises of this city.

The eldest son of the family is John Blaul whose name introduces this review and who is now at the head of the business established by his father. At the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools, passing through the grammar grades and taking up the work of the high school. His business training was received in the employ and under the direction of his father and after reaching the age of sixteen years his entire time and attention were given to the grocery trade. In 1882 he was admitted to a partnership and following the demise of his father succeeded to the presidency of the company.

The business is one of far-reaching scope and importance. Theirs was primarily a wholesale grocery house but their trade relations have constantly broadened in scope and for a considerable period they have made a special feature of importing coffee and spices and in their factory they grind their own spices and also manufacture flavoring extracts and baking powder. In 1895 they established a canning factory and are now engaged in canning tomatoes, pumpkins, hominy, apples and baked beans. Their employes in these two connections number one hundred and fifty, two-thirds of the number being in the manufacturing department and one-third in the canning department. They have a large force of city and traveling salesmen and every phase of their business is being most carefully conducted with the result that greater success is constantly accruing. The family still

own the business block in which the father established his store at No. 113 Jefferson street. In 1880 he built a store at No. 113 North Third street, between Valley and Market, and in 1892 the brothers erected a part of their present fine business block, to which an addition was built in 1903. This is a stone and brick structure, the two upper stories being of brick. Excellent railroad facilities have been secured, a track extending to the doors so that cars can be loaded and unloaded without the need of teaming transfers. With the incorporation of the business on the 1st of February, 1903, under the name of the John Blaul Sons' Company the oldest brother, John Blaul, became the president, with Charles as vice president, Theodore as treasurer and E. G. Koonz as secretary. The four Blaul brothers, together with W. H. Ripley, A. H. Riepe and E. B. Kerns constitute the board of directors and several of these gentlemen represent the house upon the road as traveling salesmen. They have altogether eighteen traveling men, who cover a large territory in the west and northwest, beside a portion of Illinois. Their business has now reached extensive and gratifying proportions. In this connection it has been said: "From a small retail grocery trade the enterprise has developed until it has reached extensive proportions, covering many branches, each one supplying a large patronage. The annual business has reached a very large figure, and the house has ever maintained an unassailable reputation, the straightforward policy inaugurated by the father being maintained by the sons. They are men of resourceful business ability, who have found in the business conditions of the present opportunity for advancement and successful accomplishment, and their position in commercial circles of Burlington is second to none."

Having spent practically his entire life in Burlington, during much of which time he has been a prominent figure in commercial circles, John Blaul is widely known, and the consensus of public opinion places him high in the regard of his fellow citizens. He was married on the 13th of May, 1877, when Miss Louise Dewein, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Meier) Dewein, became his wife. Her parents arrived in Burlington in 1841 and her father here followed shoemaking. Mrs. Blaul was born April 13, 1853, and by her marriage became the mother of seven children, but three of the number, Clara, Louise and John, died in early life. Those who survive are Milton, Mark, Robert and Selma.

Mr. Blaul holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, yet for

four years filled the position of alderman and exercised his official prerogatives in support of many progressive public movements. He belongs to the Business Men's Association and cooperates heartily in all of its efforts for the improvement of commercial and industrial conditions and the extension of Burlington's trade relations. His name is synonymous with progress. Character, balance, harmony and sound judgment are his native traits, and evenness and poise are also features in his makeup. Anyone meeting Mr. Blaul face to face would know at once that he is an individual embodying all the elements of what in this country we term a "square" man—one in whom to have confidence, a dependable man in any relation and any emergency. His quietude of deportment, his easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address, with the total absence of anything sinister or anything to conceal, foretold a man who is ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

ALBERT C. ZAISER, M. D.

Dr. Albert C. Zaiser, devoting his life to the general practice of medicine and surgery, was born in Burlington on the 18th of May, 1873, his parents being John and Marguerite (Funck) Zaiser. The father, a native of Germany, was a wagonmaker by trade, and, crossing the Atlantic to America, arrived in Burlington in 1854. He established a wagon shop in this city in 1859 and continued the business for almost a half century, or until the time of his death, which occurred on the 16th of June, 1906. He was an active and important factor in the industrial activities of the city, and his enterprise proved of value in the development of the community, as well as in furthering his individual interests. Aside from business, he was a minister of the German Methodist church. He engaged in preaching in Burlington for five years and remained a local preacher to the time of his demise, doing everything in his power to advance the interests of the denomination with which he was connected and to sow broadcast the seeds of Christianity. His widow survives him and is now seventy-three years of age.

Mrs. Marguerite Zaiser was born in this city in 1841, a daughter of John Adam Funck, a native of Frankfort, Germany, who arrived in this city in the '30s, becoming one of the first settlers of the little

hamlet that stood upon the banks of the Mississippi and constituted a stopping point for travelers and a trading point for the few isolated settlers scattered throughout the district to the west. He established the first bakery in Burlington and he had the first frame house. He was at one time alderman of the city and also a member of the school board. His name is inseparably interwoven with the history of Burlington and its development along business and political lines, his co-operation being given to many measures of value in the days of early progress and upbuilding here. It was his daughter Marguerite who became the wife of John Zaiser and in their family were five sons and three daughters.

Dr. Zaiser, who was the third son and sixth member of the family, was graduated from the high school of Burlington and afterward spent two years as a student in the Iowa State University. Later he attended the Creighton Medical College at Omaha, Nebraska, for a year but continued his studies in the St. Louis College of Physicians & Surgeons, where he remained for three years, or until graduated on the 17th of March, 1897, at which time his professional degree was conferred upon him. Immediately afterward he returned to his native city and his record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, for in the city of his nativity Dr. Zaiser has won a creditable position, his broad knowledge and practical skill being manifest in the excellent results which have attended him in his efforts to alleviate suffering and check the ravages of disease. He is one of the physicians who withdrew from the American Medical Association on account of its methods.

On the 1st of January, 1902, Dr. Zaiser was joined in wedlock to Miss Grace Melcher, of Burlington, a daughter of Dennis and Sadie (Hanna) Melcher, the latter a native of Des Moines county. The former was the proprietor of the Monmouth Pottery Company, in which business he continued actively to the time of his demise in 1901. Dr. and Mrs. Zaiser have one son, Donald, who was born June 14, 1905.

Dr. Zaiser is a well known and popular representative of various fraternal organizations. He holds membership with the Elks, the Moose, the Degree of Honor, the Royal Highlanders, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Fraternal Union of America and the Knights and Ladies of Security. He attends the Methodist church and his life is at all times actuated by high and honorable principles as is constantly manifest in his daily conduct. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party but he has no time nor inclination for office holding outside the strict path of his profession. In 1899

he was elected county physician, filling the office for two years. At the present time he is a member of the board of education and the cause of the public schools finds in him a stalwart champion. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Burlington Launch Club and the Auto Club, associations which indicate also the nature of his recreation. No outside interests, however, cause him to neglect his professional duties and in the practice of both medicine and surgery he has made for himself a creditable name and place.

DANIEL MATSON.

Daniel Matson was born at Hull, England, March 18, 1842. His father, Joseph Matson, was born in the same place in 1809 and his mother, Susannah Blakley, was born in Hull in 1817. Both families were seafaring people. Joseph Matson ran away from home at the age of sixteen and became an apprentice on board a Greenland whaleship. Serving in all the grades of seamanship, he became a captain in the British merchant service at the age of thirty-one years, serving in that capacity until 1851. He was engaged in what was known as the Baltic and Mediterranean trade.

The subject of this sketch, being an only child, accompanied his father and mother on voyages to ports on the Baltic and North seas. In the spring of 1851, his wife having died the year previous, Captain Joseph Matson resigned his commission in the British merchant service and accompanied by young Daniel embarked from Liverpool for New Orleans, U. S. A. Arriving at that port about the middle of May, he took passage on a Mississippi river steamboat for St. Louis. Shortly before reaching Memphis the father was stricken with cholera and died in a few hours. He was buried in a cane-brake on the Tennessee shore near where Fort Pillow was afterwards built. Young Daniel was left alone without relative or friend on the American continent, "Save that Friend above all others," who has in his case verified the promise to be a Father to the fatherless in a most marked way. Reaching St. Louis the passengers were not allowed to land, but were transferred to another boat and sent to up-river towns. Daniel landed in Burlington, Iowa, about the 10th of June, 1851. One of the passengers assuming to be his friend, robbed him of all the father's belongings, even to his own clothing, and departed for parts unknown, leaving him upon the streets a homeless waif. Providentially he was led to the home of Mrs. W. W. Woods,



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the wife of a well known citizen of Burlington of pioneer days. Through her kind efforts he found a home near Kossuth, Iowa, in a pioneer family named Rankin. These people were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians whose ancestors had landed in Pennsylvania in the early years of the colony. They were sterling people. To their influence he ascribes much of his success in after life. At the age of sixteen, in 1858, he began doing for himself, working out amongst the farmers. He began his career without a penny in his pocket. His extra clothing tied up in a cotton handkerchief which he carried in his hand, he trudged away from the home that had sheltered him for six years and began work at a wage of ten dollars per month. He worked six months, then went to school six months and kept on in this way until Sumter was fired upon. He enlisted as a private in the Burlington Zouaves, Company E, First Iowa Infantry, April 22, 1861, and took part in the stirring campaign in Missouri under General Nathaniel Lyon. Discharged at the close of his term of service (three months), he reenlisted at once in Company K, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry. He was made second sergeant. At Fort Donelson, February 16, 1862, he was promoted sergeant major. He was in the Hornet's Nest at Shiloh and was captured at the close of day on that eventful Sunday, April 6, 1862. After six months' experience in Macon (Ga.) and Libby prisons, he was exchanged and returned to active service. In the spring of 1863 his regiment was ordered to Vicksburg, but on reaching Cairo, Illinois, the order was changed and the regiment spent the summer of 1863 in western Kentucky and Tennessee. On the 29th of October, 1863, he having previously passed an examination, accepted a commission as first lieutenant in the United States Colored Troops, his regiment being the Fourth United States Colored Heavy Artillery. In the spring of 1864 he became regimental adjutant and November 6, 1864, he was commissioned as captain and took charge of a battery of heavy guns in Fort Halleck, Columbus, Kentucky. From this period to the end of the war, and one year afterwards, his service was chiefly staff duty; acting assistant adjutant general of the district of western Kentucky and on the staff of Brevet Major General J. S. Brisbin, United States Volunteers. He was mustered out at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, February 25, 1866, rounding out four years and ten months of service.

Returning to Iowa he married Miss Mary Herron Chapman, July 31, 1866. This young lady's parents, who were Scotch Presbyterians, had migrated from Pennsylvania in early days to the territory of Iowa. Having practiced economy in saving his wages while

an officer, he was able to purchase a little farm and with willing hands the pair began the voyage of life. Six children have blessed the union.

Susannah died at twenty-four years, just as she was planning for work in the foreign mission field; Elizabeth married Dr. O. F. Higbee and they are now living in Fowler, Colorado; Jean C. married John P. Helphrey, now living in Curlew, Washington, where he is in the mercantile business; Joseph left college and served as sergeant in Company M, Fiftieth Iowa, in 1898, in Florida. Later as first lieutenant, Thirty-fourth United States Volunteer Infantry, he served in the Philippines, where he saw considerable active service with Generals Lawton and Wheaton. On discharge from this service in 1901 he was commissioned second lieutenant, Coast Artillery, U. S. A. Passing through the grade of first lieutenant in 1907 he became captain, and at this writing is stationed at Fort Hamilton, New York; John A. served in Company M, Fiftieth Iowa Infantry, in 1898, in Florida, and after discharge graduated in the academic and medical school in the State University of Iowa. He is now a practicing physician located in Tremonton, Utah; Samuel B., after receiving a liberal education, chose as his vocation the life of a pioneer in the wilds of northeastern Washington, where he has achieved success.

The little farm where this couple founded their home in 1866 has grown with the years into goodly proportions. The family having all gone, they have retired from its activities and are now living quietly in the town of Mediapolis.

Early in their married life they united with the Presbyterian church in which the captain was a ruling elder for many years, and Mrs. Matson has done what she could in mission and other church work. They have the satisfaction of knowing that all their children are church members. In their retirement they are still in the harness doing what they can in the Master's service. God hath cared for them.

FRED S. FEAR.

Fred S. Fear is secretary and treasurer of the Cave Coal Company of Burlington and is a native son of the city in which he still makes his home. He was born in 1865, of the marriage of Henry W. and Mary J. (Stewart) Fear. The father was a native of Zanesville, Ohio, and was a son of Alfred Fear, who brought his family to

Burlington in the early '40s, casting in his lot with the pioneer residents of the city. He became one of the early merchants and for a long period was actively connected with commercial development. He also left the impress of his individuality upon the political history of the city and state as a member of the Iowa legislature. His son, Henry W. Fear, was largely reared and educated in Burlington and for many years engaged in the agricultural implement business, becoming one of the leading and representative merchants of the city. He wedded Mary J. Stewart, a native of Columbus, Ohio, and a daughter of Robert Stewart, who arrived in Burlington in 1840, after which he engaged in the livery business and also operated a stage line. Henry W. Fear was a democrat in his political views and in matters of citizenship always took an active interest, contributing to the support of many plans intended for the benefit and upbuilding of Burlington. He died in the year 1903, having for about five years survived his wife, who passed away in 1898 in the faith of the Congregational church, of which she had long been a devout member. They had but two children, Fred S. and Kimball S.

Fred S. Fear supplemented a public-school course by study in Elliott's Business College of Burlington, from which he was graduated. He then entered the employ of the Burlington Insurance Company, with which he remained for seven years. He afterward occupied a clerical position under the general superintendent of the Burlington & Northwestern Railroad, representing that corporation for twelve years. He was afterward with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company for eleven years, becoming roadmaster and afterward chief clerk to the division superintendent. He thus became widely and favorably known in railroad circles but eventually withdrew from that line of business and entered into active connection with the coal trade, being now secretary and treasurer of the Cave Coal Company, which was organized by W. F. Cave, who conducted the business for a period of about twenty-five years, or until his death, which occurred in May, 1911. In 1909 he admitted George J. Finck to a partnership and at that date the business was incorporated. Upon the death of Mr. Cave Mr. Fear purchased an interest in the business, of which he is now the secretary and treasurer, with Mr. Finck as the president. The yards are located at No. 105 North Fifth street. They have a frontage of one hundred feet on Fifth street and a depth of one hundred feet on Valley street. They are extensively engaged in handling fuel, employing from fifteen to twenty men and using from ten to twelve wagons in the business. Their trade is steadily growing and the company en-

joys a well earned reputation for thorough reliability and trustworthiness.

In 1904 Mr. Fear was united in marriage to Miss Lillian A. Finck, a daughter of George and Zora (Moffatt) Finck. Mr. and Mrs. Fear have one child, Jane. Politically he is a democrat but is without aspiration for office. His interest in the public welfare is manifest in his cooperation with the plans and projects of the Commercial Exchange for the benefit and upbuilding of the city. He belongs to the Golf Club and thus finds recreation from arduous business cares and duties. The success which he has gained is well deserved, for it has come to him as the reward of earnest effort, close application and unfaltering energy—qualities which he has displayed from the outset of his business career and which have enabled him to embark in business on his own account.

THOMAS GEORGE HARPER.

Thomas George Harper, who owns and conducts a restaurant at No. 207 North Third street, has by the employment of reliable business methods and indefatigable enterprise won a measure of success that is at once creditable and desirable. He was born in New York city on the 7th of June, 1853, a son of W. A. and Matilda (Park) Harper. The father was born in the north of Ireland, in a little town called Tullyhough, in County Tyrone, November 23, 1828, and in that place learned the blacksmith's trade, after which he crossed the Atlantic to New York in early life. In 1855 he became a resident of Burlington, where he worked at his trade for several years, but a long time prior to his death he retired. In politics he was a democrat but not an office seeker. He was a strict Scotch-Irish Protestant and a very warm-hearted man, possessed of many admirable traits of character. He passed away in March, 1903. His wife was born in the same village as her husband, her natal year being 1831. She passed away in Burlington in 1905 and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Aspen Grove cemetery. All of their five children with the exception of Thomas G. were born in Burlington. Two of the number died in early childhood, the others being: Thomas G., of this review; Maria and Edith, who was a milliner, but since her brother's marriage has helped superintend the work in the dining room, doing a great deal for its success. The daughter Maria became the wife of Henry Bauer and died about

1909, leaving two daughters: Hattie, the wife of Frederick Mauer, of Burlington; and Gertrude, who married Floyd J. Engle, a resident of Texas.

Thomas G. Harper was a little child of but two years when brought by his parents to Burlington, where he was reared and has spent practically his entire life. He attended the North Hill school and afterward was a pupil in Mr. Graff's school and in the Bryant & Stratton Business College. He afterward clerked in a grocery store for three years and later was employed as clerk in a drug store for a year and a half. Subsequently he was in the employ of E. F. Runge, one of the leading confectioners of the city, and while in that connection he thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the restaurant business. He remained with Mr. Runge for over four years and later held various positions in the old Barrett House for about three years. Subsequently he was in the commissary department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, under the supervision of A. E. Touzalin, for two years and later he held various positions in the Gorham Hotel for four years, acting, however, as steward most of the time. He then started out upon an independent business venture, opening an oyster house at No. 213 Valley street. He afterward removed to the Odd Fellows building, where he conducted a restaurant, and there was married. His wife at once began to assist him in the conduct of the business and after some time they removed to the Tama building where they were for two and a half years. For twelve years they have been at their present location at No. 207 North Third street, where they conduct the largest and most exclusive restaurant in the city, "Harper's" being known far and wide over the country. The establishment is noted for the excellence of the cuisine, Mrs. Harper superintending that part, for prompt service and for the thoroughly reliable business methods insisted upon by the proprietors.

On the 8th of February, 1887, Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Mary Johnsen, who was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on the 8th of February, 1866, a daughter of Jans Christian and Christine (Petersen) Johnsen. Two of her brothers, Charles P. and John, were also born in Copenhagen, but the other two members of the family Robert Peter and Helen Josephine, were born in this country, the former in New York city and the latter at Burlington, Iowa, which had become the family residence. Some time after the emigration of the Johnsen family to the United States Hans Jordan Petersen, a brother of Mrs. Johnsen, came to this country and made his home with his sister. He and Mr. Johnsen went south several

winters and while on such a trip Mr. Johnsen contracted the cholera, from which he died, and he was buried in the south before his family could be notified of his demise. Mary Johnsen Harper received her education in the grammar schools, completing the course there offered, and when twenty-one years of age was married to Mr. Harper. Her older brother, John, died in 1885; Charles P., a resident of Seattle, Washington, is married and has a daughter, Violet; Robert Peter, who is living in Augusta, Montana, is married and has five daughters and a son; Helen Josephine gave her hand in marriage to Samuel Irving McKown and became a resident of Augusta, Montana. She passed away on the 5th of March, 1914, leaving her husband and two children, Christine, five years of age, and Lucy, two years old. Mrs. Christine (Petersen) Johnsen passed away in 1907 and she, her daughter Helen Josephine and her brother, Hans Jordan Petersen, have all found their last resting place in Aspen Grove cemetery of Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper have a daughter, Edith May, whose birth occurred on the 11th of October, 1888. She was married on the 2d of September, 1909, to Neal Oliver Ekdale, a valued representative of the wholesale house of John Blaul, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Edith, whose birth occurred on the 4th of October, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Ekdale and their daughter make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Harper. In 1894 the Harper family moved into the Henry home on North Third street and after renting it for a few years purchased it and thoroughly modernized it. At his death in 1905 Hans Jordan Petersen, an uncle of Mrs. Harper, left to her and her daughter Edith his property situated just across the street from the Harper home and formerly known as the Harvey homestead. Although the Johnsen family was of Lutheran faith, Mrs. Harper and her daughter and son-in-law all attend the Episcopal church and Mr. and Mrs. Ekdale met each other through singing in the choir. Mrs. Harper is a member of Ruth Lodge, No. 12, Daughters of Rebekah, to the Degree of Honor and to Charity Lodge, No. 1, A. O. U. W.

Mr. Harper was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church. In his political views he is a republican but with independent tendencies, voting at local elections for the man whom he considers best qualified for the office. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and he also has membership with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen, the Workmen and the Red Men, while formerly he was identified with the Ancient Order of Druids. He has held all of the offices in the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges. Mr. and Mrs.

Harper are well fitted for the life work which they have chosen, as they are genial, always agreeable and courteous, and their considerate attitude toward their employes has ever commanded their confidence and respect. Their salient characteristics have won them popularity with the general public and they have gained many friends through business associations as well as in strictly social circles.

WILLIAM F. MCFARLAND.

William F. McFarland, formerly private secretary to Charles E. Perkins, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company and since his death connected with the estate and the business of the family, was born in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, on the 26th of June, 1861, a son of William P. and Eliza Ann (Robinson) McFarland. The father engaged in business as a gun manufacturer and his interest along those lines probably led to his selection of the Peeksdale Military Academy as a fitting school in which his son, W. F. McFarland, might continue his education after he had completed his public-school course.

It was in the year 1879 that W. F. McFarland arrived in Iowa, going first to Creston, where he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company in the office of the train-master. His ability gained recognition there and won for him advancement, so that on the 5th of April, 1880, he came to Burlington and entered the office of the president of the road. Soon afterward Mr. Perkins made him private secretary and he continued in that connection with the president until the latter's death, since which time he has been identified with the conduct of the estate and business interests in which the family are concerned. His long connection with Mr. Perkins as private secretary has made him thoroughly acquainted with his business affairs and interests and thus he is well qualified to aid and counsel the family along such lines. Aside from his activity in that connection Mr. McFarland is the treasurer and one of the directors of the Merchants Life Association.

On the 15th of January, 1884, Mr. McFarland was married to Miss Martha G. Williams, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and they have become parents of five children: Eleanor, the wife of M. J. R. Copeland, a resident of Burlington, by whom she has a son and daughter; William, who is foreman of the roundhouse at Dickinson, North

Dakota; Catherine, at home; and Richard and John, who are also under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. McFarland has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. In 1913 he was elected a member of the school board, but otherwise has held no public offices. He is interested, however, in all that pertains not only to educational affairs but to the public welfare in every respect. Fraternally he is a Mason, having taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and commandery. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and along even more strictly social lines is connected with the Crystal Lake Club, the Golf Club and the Tennis Club of Burlington. In the midst of all these varied activities he has never neglected the higher and holier duties of life, having membership in the Episcopal church and in the Young Men's Christian Association. He is widely and favorably known in Burlington, where he has resided continuously for thirty-five years, enjoying the confidence, goodwill and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

FREDERICK J. KUHLEMEIER.

In insurance circles the advance of Frederick J. Kuhlemeier has been continuous until at the present writing he is a prominent figure in connection therewith as secretary of the Merchants Life Association of Burlington. He is yet a young man and the position to which he has attained speaks volumes concerning his business ability, his commendable ambition, his indefatigable energy and his resourcefulness. He was born in Charles City, Iowa, March 10, 1873, a son of the Hon. August H. and Lena (Cramer) Kuhlemeier. The family numbered three sons, the younger sons being August R. and Harry F.

A native of Germany, the father was born in Lippe-Detmold on the 10th of December, 1846, and in 1853 he came to the new world, the family home being established at Freeport, Illinois. He there made his initial step in the business world as a clerk in a dry goods store and subsequently went upon the road as a traveling salesman for a Freeport house. Advancement came to him rapidly as the result of his developing powers, and he was made general agent for Iowa, Nebraska and Dakota, in which states he built up an enormous and highly profitable business. In 1870 he removed to Burlington



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and under appointment of President Cleveland became revenue collector for the fourth district of Iowa. The next step forward in his business career was the organization of the Merchants Life Association, of which he became the first president, so continuing until his demise. A contemporary writer has said of him: "As a man who enjoyed the implicit confidence of the public and of financial circles, he was enabled to place the company in a prominent position from the start, securing for the enterprise its full share of prestige among older institutions of recognized standing. Possessing indomitable resolution and great personal force, any undertaking to which he lent his efforts was destined to succeed, while his keen judgment and remarkable power of analyzing a business situation were of immeasurable benefit to the company and carried it to triumphs even beyond the expectations of those who gave it their heartiest support. Outside his business activities, he played a notable part in the political life of his day, exercising a commanding influence in the councils of the democratic party, of which he was a stanch adherent and supporter, and in recognition of his talents and the sterling virtues of his character he was at one time returned by Des Moines county as her representative in the state legislature of Iowa, while during an extended term of years he was frequently called by an important constituency to serve their interests as a member of the city council. All these public trusts he executed with the efficiency and conscientiousness which characterized everything he did, and the loss which the community sustained in his death was one which cannot soon be repaired."

When but an infant Frederick J. Kuhlemeier was brought to Burlington, where he attended the public schools and also studied under the direction of private tutors. Like his father, he was a traveling salesman in early manhood, going upon the road as a representative of the Burlington Basket Company, with which he remained for three years, severing that connection to the great regret of his employers. In the meantime he had formed warm friendships throughout the territory and this has stood him in good stead in later life. On leaving his first position he became chief clerk to the superintendent of construction in charge of the erection of the federal building in Burlington and when the Merchants Life Association was formed a year later he became bookkeeper for the company and also one of its directors. He has since represented its directorate and thus from the beginning has had voice in the management of the corporation. At different times he has been advanced and eventually reached the position of superintendent of

agencies. In that position he displayed notable tact and executive force. He wisely directed the interests of the agencies and proved himself capable of handling and directing the men. His next promotion made him secretary of the company, of which J. J. Seerley is the president; John Blaul, vice president; and William F. McFarland, treasurer. Comparatively few business men of his years have attained a place of equal prominence and importance. This is not because special advantages have been his, but because he has made a wise use of his time, talents and opportunities and, rising step by step, he has now controlling interests that give him a conspicuous place in financial circles of his adopted city.

The home life of Mr. Kuhlemeier is attractive. He was married September 30, 1903, to Miss Carrie Crawford, a native of Des Moines county and a daughter of Mrs. Jane Crawford. She belongs to the Musical Club, the King's Daughters and the Presbyterian church and is an active and efficient worker in all. She possesses, moreover, attractive social gifts, which renders her home a favorite resort with many friends. Mr. Kuhlemeier holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Boat Club and the Burlington Golf Club, and his political indorsement is given to the democratic party. Another biographer has said of him in this connection: "He has always been vitally interested in public affairs and by his honesty and ability has been able to perform much valuable service, enjoying extreme popularity among the younger element of the party, while the conservative and solid qualities of his character have brought him the reward of universal favor and esteem." Wherever he has gone he has made friends. There is about him that quality which for want of a better term has been called personal magnetism. He easily inspires confidence and regard, and his qualities bear the test of long acquaintance.

HERBERT L. MADISON, D. D. S.

Dentistry is somewhat unique among the professions. It demands ability of a three-fold character; mechanical skill and ingenuity, broad scientific knowledge and sound judgment in handling the financial interests which must feature in every well regulated business undertaking. Possessing all of these requirements, Dr. Herbert L. Madison has gained a place among the successful practitioners of Burlington. He was born in Salisbury, Herkimer county, New

York, in 1863 and is a son of William H. and Electa A. (Leavitt) Madison, the latter a daughter of Ormel Leavitt, who was a lawyer by profession. The father of Dr. Madison followed the occupation of farming and thus provided for his family.

After attending the public schools Herbert L. Madison took up the profession of teaching, which he followed between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years. He attended the Rochester Business College at Rochester, New York. In October, 1885, he arrived in Burlington, Iowa, and for about two and a half years was a teacher in Elliott's Business College. He regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, however, and, taking up the study of dentistry, was graduated from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery with the class of 1889. He then returned to Burlington, opened an office and has since been engaged in the practice of dentistry. Throughout all the intervening years he has kept in touch with the improvements which have been made in methods of dental practice and is thoroughly conversant with the most advanced scientific ideas relating to the care and treatment of the teeth. His office is well supplied with the most improved dental instruments and equipments and that his work is highly satisfactory is indicated by his growing patronage. He is a member of the county, district and state dental societies and has been president of the first two.

In 1891 Dr. Madison wedded Miss Mary A. Clement, a native of Orleans county, New York, and a daughter of Joseph Henry and Mary Ann (Sutton) Clement, who were farming people of the Empire state. Dr. and Mrs. Madison have become parents of four children: Frances, a graduate of Rockford College; John H., who is now studying in the Michigan University at Ann Arbor; and Herbert C. and Mary Elizabeth, both at home. The family are members of the Congregational church and they occupy an enviable position in the social circles where intelligence and true worth are accepted as passports to good society.

In politics Dr. Madison was formerly a democrat but is now a progressive. For four years he served as a member of the city council of Burlington, in which connection he labored earnestly to advance the interests of the city and to give to it an economical and beneficial administration. He is now serving for the second term on the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He is identified with several fraternal organizations, including Excelsior Lodge, No. 284, I. O. O. F., in which he has held all of the offices. He is likewise a past exalted ruler of the Burlington lodge of Elks and is a prominent Mason, holding membership in the

Knights Templar commandery and in the Mystic Shrine. His many substantial and admirable personal qualities, as well as his professional skill and judgment, have gained for him a high position in public regard and won for him the goodwill and friendship of his brethren of the dental fraternity.

E. A. FLORANG.

E. A. Florang is the president of the Burlington Basket Company, in which connection he has developed an enterprise of considerable importance, his output now being sold over a wide territory. A native of Switzerland, he was born on the 4th of February, 1859, a son of Anton E. and Mary Anna (Senn) Florang. The father was born in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1822 and just before his death returned to that city, there passing away in 1885. His wife died in Burlington in 1873.

E. A. Florang was a youth of eleven years when he left the land of the Alps and accompanied his parents to the new world. They made their way direct to Burlington and here E. A. Florang continued his education in the public schools, thus supplementing the training which he had already acquired in Switzerland. At the age of fourteen years, however, his text-books were put aside and he began earning his own living. In 1884 he embarked in the retail liquor business on his own account and conducted the enterprise for several years, or until he organized the Burlington Basket Company in 1889. He started in a small way at the corner of Court and Front streets and gradually built up his trade until the volume of his business justified him in 1897 in the erection of a plant at Front and North streets. His building has twice been largely destroyed by fire but each time has been rebuilt on a more commodious scale. They make a line of staple baskets which sell throughout the west and also as far as the Pacific coast. They also make a line of specialties which they ship all over the world. The output of the Burlington plant is now very extensive and they have several warehouses in the west. The business has been thoroughly systematized and carefully managed and they have one hundred and fifty employes. The officers of the company are: E. A. Florang, president; C. A. Florang, vice president; and O. E. Florang, secretary and treasurer.

On the 29th of June, 1880, Mr. Florang was united in marriage to Miss Clara A. Wagner, of Burlington, who was educated in this

city and by her marriage became the mother of two sons and two daughters: Hazel, the wife of O. T. Fansel, of Burlington, by whom she has two children: Adele C., the wife of Ralph P. Mercer, of the Mercer Electric Company of Burlington, by whom she has one child; O. E., who married Gertrude Dollner, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and Clarence A., who married Frances Williams, of Burlington.

Mr. Florang is rather independent in politics, yet is inclined to the progressive party. He prefers, however, to concentrate his energies upon his manufacturing interests and is today one of the substantial business men of the city, having advanced continuously in his chosen field of labor until he is now at the head of one of the important and growing productive industries. Starting out in life for himself at an early age, he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished and his record shows what can be done when determination and energy point out the way.

PETER RUFF.

Peter Ruff, a barber of Burlington, conducting an extensive business at the corner of Main and Washington streets since 1898, was born February 18, 1863, in the city in which he still resides. His father, Gregor Ruff, was a native of Germany and in 1849 crossed the Atlantic to the United States, settling first in St. Louis, whence he afterward came to Burlington. He was a cooper by trade and upon abandoning that pursuit entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, with which he was connected for forty years, being one of the oldest and most trusted men in its service at the time of his demise, which occurred on the 12th of November, 1907. His wife died when their son Peter was but four years of age.

The latter was educated in the public schools, which he attended to the age of thirteen years and then started out to earn his own living. Whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his earnest efforts. He was employed in a cigar shop as a stripper and afterward secured a situation with Rudolph Linden in the old Lawrence House, there remaining for a year, or until the fire. He then started in business on his own account as proprietor of a barber shop near the Dory Mills, continuing at that location for seventeen years. In 1898, however, he removed to the corner of Main and Washington streets, where he now has four chairs. He has a well

equipped establishment, containing various rooms for baths of different kinds, in addition to his facilities for the barbering business.

Mr. Ruff was married on the 26th of August, 1884, to Miss Mary Keller, of Burlington, a daughter of Mike Keller, one of the old-time coopers of this city. Here Mrs. Ruff was reared and educated. By her marriage she has become the mother of two daughters: Flora M., now the wife of Ralph Jordan, of Burlington; and Hilda, who married Oscar Berges, also of this city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ruff hold membership in the German Evangelical church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest, doing all in their power to further the cause. Mr. Ruff also has membership with the United Workmen. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and for two years served as ward committeeman. His entire life has been spent in Burlington and he is much interested in its welfare and progress, rejoicing in what has been accomplished for the upbuilding of the city along many substantial lines.

HENRY A. BECK.

Henry A. Beck, conducting a general contracting business in Burlington, his native city, was born April 3, 1865, a son of Jacob and Agnes (Mesmer) Beck. His father was born in Germany in 1818 and the year 1850 witnessed his arrival in Burlington. The previous year he had crossed the Atlantic and settled in St. Louis, where he remained until he came to this city. He was a carpenter, having learned his trade in the old country, and here he became identified with building operations. His study of political conditions led him to give earnest support to the republican party, but he never sought or desired political preferment. He died in 1897, having for almost a quarter of a century survived his wife, who passed away in 1874. She was then fifty-two years of age, her birth having occurred in Germany in 1822. In their family were eight children: Henry, who enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company D, Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, and was killed at the siege of Vicksburg; Lena, who became the wife of John B. Schworm and both are now deceased; Rosa, the wife of Nicholas Sickinger, a resident of Topeka, Kansas; Anna, the deceased wife of Albert Albertsen; Mary, residing in Pasadena, California; Lizzie, who married John Kraul, of Burlington; Mollie, the wife of John J. Miller, of Burlington; and

Henry A., of this review. The parents were consistent members of St. John's Catholic church.

Henry A. Beck attended the public schools of Burlington until he had passed through consecutive grades to the high school. When his text-books were put aside he entered the employ of William F. Hayden, under whose direction he learned the carpenter's trade. He remained with Mr. Hayden for twenty-one years, gradually working his way upward until he became foreman, in which capacity he continued during the last years of Mr. Hayden's life. About 1898 Mr. Beck began contracting on his own account and that he occupies a prominent position in building circles is indicated in the fact that he has been accorded the contracts for the erection of the Young Men's Christian Association building and the Young Women's Christian Association building; for the Hertzler & Boersch department building; the Schramm & Schmeig store; the Chittenden & Eastman warehouses; the Moehn Brewery; the Nurses' Home of the Burlington Hospital; the offices of the water company; the Citizens State Bank building at Mediapolis; and many private residences in Burlington and throughout the county. In a word, he is recognized as one of the most prominent contractors of Burlington. He is himself an expert mechanic and is thus able to direct the labors of those whom he employs. He possesses sound judgment, is thoroughly reliable and lives strictly up to the terms of his contracts. His word is at all times as good as his bond, and his business integrity is unassailable.

On the 12th of June, 1888, Mr. Beck was united in marriage to Miss Lena Stoll, who was born June 12, 1867, in Burlington, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Bauemly) Stoll. The father was born in Germany about 1830 and made coopering his life work. His death occurred in 1879. The mother was born in Germany, August 26, 1840, and passed away in February, 1903. In their family were eight children: Joseph, who died in infancy; William, deceased; Maggie, the wife of Christ Reichert, of Burlington; Joseph, also residing in Burlington; Mrs. Beck; Lizzie, the deceased wife of Claude Miner; Francis, who has passed away; and Mollie, the wife of Conrad Lersch, of Burlington.

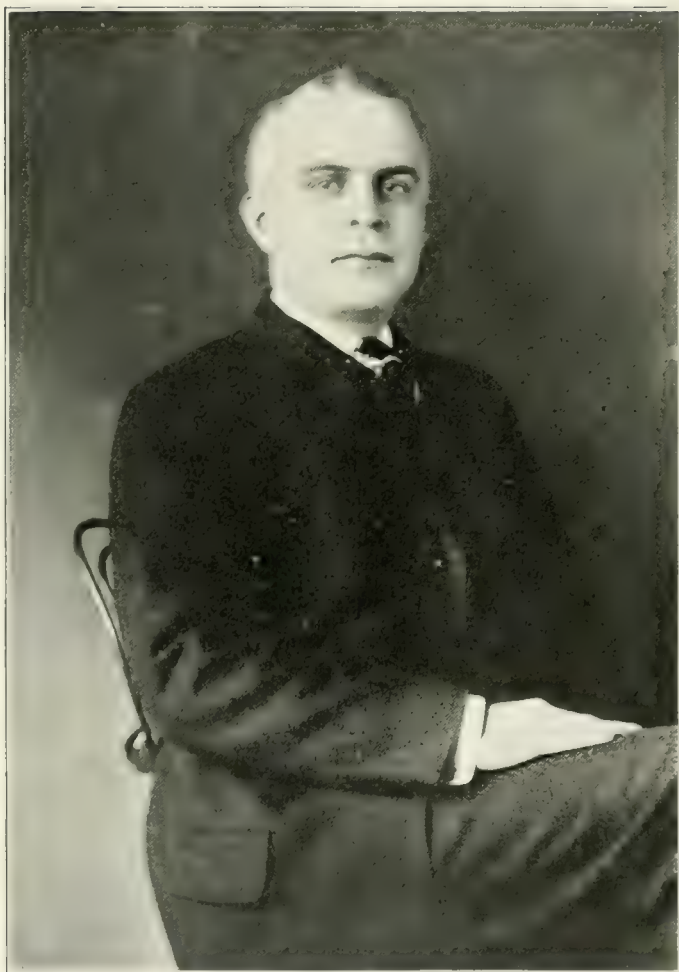
To Mr. and Mrs. Beck have been born three daughters. Ruth Marie, who was born December 31, 1889, and was graduated from the Lincoln school; Helen Margaret, who was born October 13, 1894, and followed a course in St. John's parochial school by a commercial course in Elliott's Business College, being now a stenographer in the office of Ben Poor, city solicitor; and Dorothy Agnes, who was born May 3, 1901, and attends St. John's school.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck are communicants of St. John's Catholic church and Mr. Beck is a democrat, having supported the party since casting his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. For four years he filled the office of building commissioner of Burlington. In 1889 he erected a modern residence and now has a pleasant home in the west end. He also owns four residence properties, which he rents, and he has done much for the development and improvement of the city. He is thoroughly public spirited and cooperates in many movements for the general good. He is also a broad and liberal-minded man, always approachable, always genial. He has been actuated in his business undertakings by the desire to provide well for his family, and he and his wife occupy an enviable position in the social circles of the city.

BEN PERLEY POOR.

Ben Perley Poor is one of the younger representatives of the Burlington bar and in his practice holds to the highest standards. While he is ever loyal to the interests of his clients, he never for a moment forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. He had a splendid example of professional ability and honor set him by his father, the late Cornelius L. Poor, who was one of Burlington's most distinguished citizens. His death brought a sense of irreparable loss to the great majority of Burlington's residents, for he had long practiced in Iowa and had taken a most active and helpful part in promoting the welfare of the municipality. Moreover, he was of a most kindly spirit and genial disposition, possessing in large measure those qualities which make for warm personal friendships. Extended mention of him is made on another page of this work.

His son, Ben Perley Poor, was born in Burlington, March 31, 1881, and after attending the public schools here he entered Cornell University, where he won the Bachelor of Arts degree on the completion of his literary course and the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1905. He was admitted to the New York State Bar Association and to the Iowa State Bar Association, joining his father in practice in 1905 and continuing with him until the latter's death. He acted as assistant city attorney under his father and in June, 1912, was appointed to the office of city solicitor, which position he filled with such capability and satisfaction to the general public that he was



BEN P. POOR

reappointed in April, 1914, being therefore the present incumbent in the office. He has great respect for the dignity of the bar and is indeed a worthy representative of that profession to which property, life and liberty must look for protection. He stands high, especially in the discussion of legal matters before the court, where his comprehensive knowledge of the law is manifest and his application of legal principles demonstrates the wide range of his professional acquirements. The utmost care and precision characterizes his preparation of a case and has made him one of the successful attorneys of Burlington. He is a member of the local, state and national bar associations and, imbued and inspired with the splendid example of his father, he is holding high the standard of legal practice and has won a well merited and well earned reputation.

On the 15th of September, 1909, Mr. Poor was married to Miss Flora Carpenter Brooks, a daughter of Charles E. Brooks, and their children are Virginia Louise and Richard Brooks. Mr. Poor holds membership with the Elks and the Commercial Club, and he gives his political indorsement to the republican party. His attention, however, is mainly concentrated upon his profession, and step by step he has advanced until, like his father, he has attained an honorable and enviable position as a representative of the Burlington bar.

SUPERINTENDENT W. L. HANSON.

Superintendent of city schools W. L. Hanson has devoted his entire life to educational activity and since July, 1909, has been superintendent of the city schools of Burlington. A native of Greeneville, Tennessee, he was born on the 29th of July, 1879, and is a son of S. C. and Nancy Elizabeth (Edmondson) Hanson. The father was also a teacher who became superintendent of schools and he was likewise well known as a composer of vocal music, publishing many music books for use in the schools, including *Merry Melodies* and others.

W. L. Hanson acquired his early education in the schools of Williamsport, Indiana, where his father was at that time engaged in teaching, and later he entered the University of Indiana, in which he completed the classical course, being graduated in 1900 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He also devoted three summer terms to study in the University of Chicago and did post-graduate work in Columbia University of New York, receiving the degree of Mas-

ter of Arts from this institution in 1915. Taking up the profession of teaching as a life work, he was connected first with the schools at Kentland, Indiana, and afterward at Monmouth, Illinois, first as teacher of the sciences and later as principal of the high school, to which position he was appointed in 1902, continuing therein for four and a half years. He came to Burlington in 1906 to accept the principalship of the high school, in which position he remained for three years, when, in July, 1909, he was chosen superintendent of the public schools of the city. He is a most able educator, occupying a high position in the ranks of his profession, his course having been marked by steady progress as a result of his continuous study, investigation and broadening experience. He employs practical methods while working toward high ideals and he has the ability to inspire teachers and pupils with much of his own zeal and interest in the work. He believes in the special study of the individual and agrees with ex-President Eliot of Harvard that "What is needed is continuous education which lasts through life."

On the 14th of June, 1906, Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Morrow, of Monmouth, Illinois, who was an instructor in English in Monmouth College. They hold membership in the United Presbyterian church, and they occupy a prominent position in social circles where true worth is accepted as a passport. Mr. Hanson keeps in touch with all of the important interests and issues of the day and is abreast with the world's thought, so that association with him means expansion and elevation.

J. W. BROOKS.

J. W. Brooks is vice president and cashier of the National State Bank of Burlington. Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in the business and financial circles of the city, for his career has been marked not only by steady advance but by the employment of methods which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but to wisely direct and control this and enlarge its scope he must himself possess the qualities of keen sagacity, sound judgment and indefatigable enterprise and in none of these is he lacking.

Burlington claims Mr. Brooks as a native son. He was born in 1853, the second in order of birth in the family of nine children whose

parents were F. W. and Harriet Cordelia (Williams) Brooks. The father, who was the pioneer banker of Burlington, was born in Livingston county, New York, in March, 1819, and when a young man lived in Canada, whence he again crossed the border into the United States and established his home in Illinois. In the meantime, however, he went to California, where he met Miss Harriet Cordelia Williams, whom he made his wife. They returned by way of the Isthmus route and were married in Burlington, by the Rev. William Salter. It was in 1842 that Mr. Brooks took up his abode in this city and here embarked in the commission and brokerage business, which was the initial step that led him a little later into the banking business. The history of his career from that time forward until his death is practically the record of the development of the National State Bank, of which extended mention is made on another page of this volume. He was among the organizers of the institution after conducting a private banking business for a number of years and he was also a stockholder in the First National Bank of Burlington and in other business concerns. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, but he never sought nor desired the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to concentrate his efforts upon his important and growing business interests. He continued as president of the bank until his death, which occurred in Burlington April 1, 1869. His widow long survived him and passed away about 1907. In their family were nine children: Caroline P., the wife of Frank Peasley; J. W., of this review; Clara, the wife of J. T. McChesney, a resident of Everett, Washington; Annis, who married S. S. Hawkins, but both are now deceased; Charles E., assistant cashier of the National State Bank; F. W., who is a banker in Everett, Washington; H. E., who follows farming in Des Moines county; Fred, now deceased; and Mary Peasley, the wife of David Roscum, of Burlington.

J. W. Brooks, the second in order of birth in that family, was educated in the public schools of his native city and of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, where he was graduated with the class of 1873. The year 1874 was spent in European travel. Returning to the middle west, he has since been continuously identified with banking and financial interests, his initial experience coming to him in the Union National Bank of Chicago, where he remained until 1876. He then returned to Burlington and entered the National State Bank. He has since been identified with this institution, in which he served in various capacities, being promoted through intermediate positions until he was made assistant cashier on the 22d of April, 1887. On the 10th of

January following he was elected a member of the board of directors and on the 20th of March, 1900, he succeeded John J. Fleming in the office of cashier and at the same time was chosen vice president as the successor to Charles Starker. He has since continued in the dual capacity, being most active in directing the interests and shaping the policy of the institution, the steady and substantial growth of which is attributable in large measure to his efforts.

Mr. Brooks was married September 24, 1879, to Miss Lily Louise Roades, of Burlington, and they have four sons and two daughters: Francis W. and Miller R., both of whom are assistant cashiers in the National State Bank; Mary Roades, the wife of George J. Finck, who is president of the Cave Coal Company of Burlington; Harriet Louise, wife of John D. Ohrt, now of Lannon, Wisconsin; James W., Jr., attending school at Lawrenceville, New Jersey; and Fred Phillips, a student in the Culver Military Academy of Indiana.

Mr. Brooks holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is also a member of the Episcopal church. His political support is given to the republican party and he has ever kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has practically spent his entire life in Burlington and has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. He possesses the goodwill and confidence of men throughout the country—men high in authority and men in the lowly walks of life and in Burlington where he is best known he is termed one of the best loved citizens.

FRED HILL.

Fred Hill, agent at Burlington for the Leisy Brewing Company of Peoria, Illinois, conducts business at No. 834 Valley street, where they own a good warehouse and office. He was born in Somersetshire, England, November 14, 1873, and at the age of twelve years left his native country and came to the United States. He had previously attended school to some extent in England and after reaching the new world continued his studies in the old South Hill school of Burlington for about a year. At that time he began earning his own livelihood at farm work and, stimulated by a desire to engage in business on his own account, he saved his earnings until he was able to purchase ninety-one acres of land. To this he has gradually added in small amounts until he now owns one hundred and sixty-seven acres of valuable farming property. He continued his farm work until

1901, at which time he accepted the wholesale agency of the Leisy Brewing Company of Peoria, Illinois. In that connection he has built up a substantial and growing business and in 1906 they erected the present warehouse and office building at No. 834 Valley street. His trade covers many of the nearby counties of Iowa and also a section of western Illinois and he employs nine men in the conduct of the business. In addition he gives personal supervision to the further development, cultivation and management of his farm, which is only a short distance outside the city limits, and from his agricultural interests he derives a gratifying annual income.

On the 21st of November, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hill and Miss Celia F. Meyers, of Burlington. They have an adopted daughter, Grace, who is now attending the high school. Mr. Hill holds membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Owls, and the Sand Lake Fishing Club and is regarded as one of the most popular men in Burlington, being approachable, genial, cordial and at all times considerate of the opinion of others.

OLIVER W. BOATMAN, M. D.

Dr. Oliver W. Boatman has been a resident of Burlington since 1903 and began the practice of medicine in this city when a young man of twenty-four years. He was born August 3, 1879, in Louisville, Kentucky, a son of J. A. and Josephine (Wheeler) Boatman. He traces his ancestry back to three brothers who came to America with the Marquis De La Fayette when he crossed the Atlantic to assist General Washington and the American colonists in winning independence. The father of our subject was a minister of the Methodist church and came to Iowa with his family in 1884, settling first at Moulton. He resided in various places in the state according to the itinerant methods of the Methodist ministry and, actively engaged in preaching the gospel, his efforts were a strongly influential factor in advancing moral progress. He is now living retired in Washington, Iowa.

Dr. Boatman entered Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa, after completing a public-school course, which was gained in various towns and cities of the state. Attracted by the opportunities of the medical profession and thinking to find practice congenial, he entered the Keokuk Medical College, from which he was graduated

with the class of 1903. He then located for practice in Burlington and through all the intervening period to the present time has made continuous advancement, his power and ability growing through the exercise of effort as he has faithfully performed his professional duties.

On the 12th of March, 1907, Dr. Boatman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Mercer, a native of Burlington and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Mercer. The family is of French Huguenot descent. Samuel W. Mercer was the first of the family to locate in Burlington, here establishing his home in 1863. His wife was a daughter of Thomas Kitchen, a pioneer of Burlington, in which city his birth occurred in 1838 when this city was a tiny hamlet upon the river bank.

Dr. Boatman holds membership with the Masonic fraternity and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He votes with the republican party and belongs to the Methodist church, guiding his life according to the teachings of the latter organization.

HENRY STEYH

Henry Steyh has from the age of sixteen years been a resident of Burlington and throughout his entire life has engaged in the harness making business. He was born in Kisselbach, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, on the 7th of June, 1851, and is a son of Balzar and Catharine (Schaefer) Steyh, who always remained residents of the fatherland. Their family numbered three sons and three daughters, all of whom have passed away with the exception of Henry and William, both of whom are now residents of Burlington.

Henry Steyh was the fifth in order of birth in his father's family and when sixteen years of age he bade adieu to friends and fatherland and sailed for the new world, making his way to Wheeling, West Virginia, in company with his brother William. They remained there for a few months and then came to Burlington, where Henry Steyh has since remained. Here he began working at the harness maker's trade and has since been connected with that line of business.

On the 28th of October, 1875, Mr. Steyh was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Magel, who was born in Union township, Des Moines county, September 20, 1852, a daughter of Seibert and Marie (Licht) Magel. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Steyh are eight in number: Emma Elizabeth, a graduate of the Burlington high

school and for two years a student in the normal school of Burlington, now the wife of John C. Moline, living in Dallas, Illinois; Lilly May, who became the wife of Oscar Vollmer and died in Burlington, October 16, 1912, at the age of thirty-four years; Frederick William, who is a graduate of a business college of Burlington and is now located in Seattle, Washington; Walter Henry, who is also a graduate of a business college and is now in St. Louis; George Philip, who is a graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and is living in St. Louis; Marie Louise, a graduate of the Burlington Business College, living at home; Herbert Edward, a druggist of this city; and Margaret Estella, who is a graduate of the Burlington high school and is now a student in the State University of Iowa, pursuing the classical course, from which she will graduate with the A. B. degree in 1915. The family are members of the German Zion church. They have long been well known in Burlington and have enjoyed the high regard, confidence and goodwill of many friends. Mr. Steyh has here resided for about forty-eight years and has therefore been a witness of much of the city's growth and development. The family residence is at No. 414 South Central avenue, where they are most pleasantly located.

H. B. YOUNG, A. M., M. D.

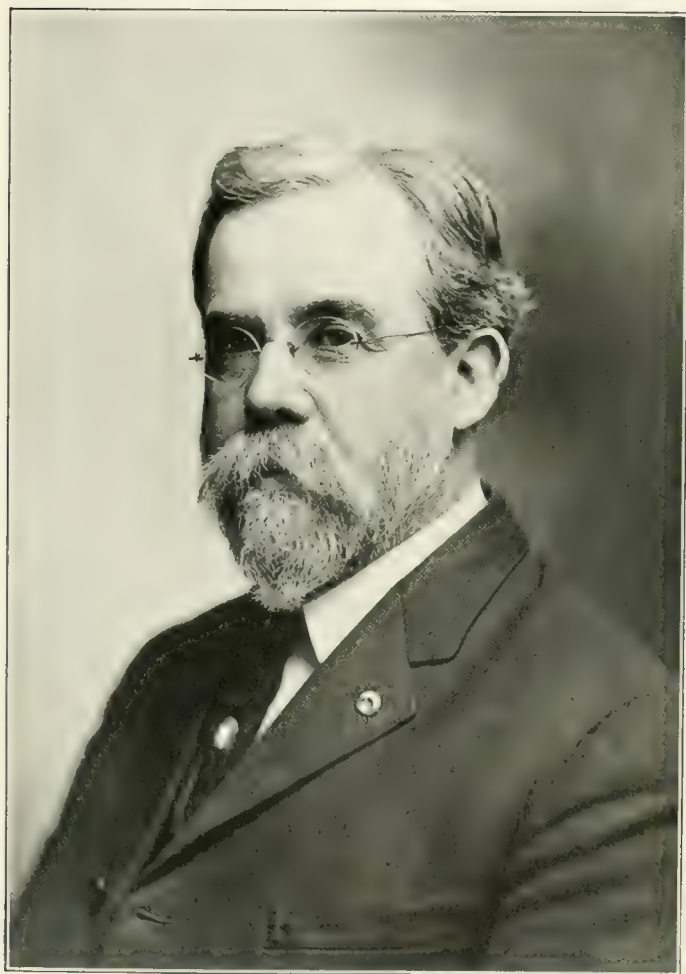
Dr. H. B. Young, the youngest son of Dr. John A. Young and Isabella H. (Wallace) Young, was born in Monmouth, Illinois, March 20, 1851, received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Monmouth College in 1870, the Master of Arts degree from the same in 1873, the degree of M. D. from Northwestern University Medical School, March 16, 1875. On the 22d of September, 1875, he married Miss Hannah S. Parsons, English born, the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah (Scarboro) Parsons. He took post-graduate work in Europe in 1876-7 and settled in Burlington in 1879.

Dr. Young, the elder, a graduate of Miami Medical College in 1838, came on horseback from his home in Chillicothe, Ohio, to Monmouth in 1839 and practiced there until his death in 1874. His wife, who came to Monmouth in 1841 by river via Cincinnati, St. Louis and Oquawka, Illinois, was the pioneer member and organizer of the congregation now known as the First United Presbyterian church of Monmouth. She died in Burlington in 1900. Together they were instrumental in the founding of Monmouth College.

Dr. Young, the subject of this sketch, has been president of the local medical society, also of the State Medical Society (1899), the last of three Burlington physicians to be so honored. In 1904 he withdrew from medical organization because not in sympathy with the purpose of reorganization promulgated by the American Medical Association, through which action he became known as one of the original "insurgents." In point of service he is one of the oldest eye and ear specialists in the state; also in point of service he is the senior hospital surgeon of Burlington. He is a member of the Golf Club, all the local Masonic bodies and the Elks. In three of the Masonic bodies, chapter, council and commandery, he has been presiding officer. His wife is a member of the Congregational church. The family otherwise consists of two daughters: Helen, the wife of C. H. Topping; Alice, the wife of W. T. Coleman, of San Francisco, California; and a niece, Miss Jessie Blackburn, a public-school kindergarten. There is one grandchild, Miss Alice Topping. Dr. Young's only surviving brother, William Young, is a resident of New York, engaged in literary work and a member of the Authors Club. He is perhaps best known by his dramatization of Ben Hur.

WALTER SCHENCK.

Walter Schenck is the second vice president of the Drake Hardware Company of Burlington and throughout the greater part of his life has been connected with the hardware trade, so his long experience, as well as his indefatigable effort and ambition is proving a factor in the growing success of the company. He was born in Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, December 30, 1848, a son of Isaac P. and Catharine (Du Bois) Schenck. The former was a son of Garret A. Schenck and he in turn was a son of Rev. William Schenck. The family is of Holland descent, the first ancestors arriving in Nieu Amsterdam, now New York, in the year 1640. The Rev. William Schenck was a minister of the Presbyterian church and removed with his family to Franklin, Ohio, making the journey with teams across the country. There he organized the First Presbyterian church. The Du Bois family is of French origin, although representatives of the name removed from France to Holland and the family was established in New York city at an early period in the development of this country.



WALTER SCHENCK

Isaac P. Schenck was born in Huntington, Long Island, November 14, 1809, and after his marriage became a farmer near Franklin, Ohio, winning success through the careful management of his fields. He died February 11, 1877, while his wife, who was born November 15, 1828, passed away on the 6th of April, 1907. The youngest sister of Isaac P. Schenck is Mrs. Mary E. Denise, who is still living in Burlington at the advanced age of ninety-two years. She came to this city in 1847 and now makes her home at Columbia and Seventh streets. Her husband, Denise Denise, was of the firm of Denise & Schenck, pork packers, who established the first business of that kind in Burlington. He was a cousin of Mrs. Catharine Schenck, and his wife is the youngest sister of Isaac P. Schenck and is the last survivor of that generation in both families.

Walter Schenck, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, acquired a public-school education and on leaving the high school became connected with the hardware business in Franklin, Ohio, when seventeen years of age. He was thus employed there for three years and seven months and on the 4th of July, 1870, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spent a little over one year in a large retail hardware store. On July 21, 1871, he came to Burlington and entered the employ of the firm of Nelson & Company as stock clerk, remaining in that connection for a year after the firm of Drake & Dayton purchased the business, which was in March, 1877. He then went upon the road as a traveling salesman for that house and subsequently was in the employ of Lyman H. Drake as a hardware salesman until the close of the year 1887. For three years he traveled for Horton-Gilmore-McWilliams & Company of Chicago and in 1891, upon the organization of the Drake Hardware Company of Burlington, he was elected its secretary. He has since been an active factor in the successful conduct of the business and in July, 1907, was elected the second vice president. He has been traveling again for the past eighteen years, or since September, 1896, and is a most successful salesman, constantly enlarging the scope of business connections for the house. He has been identified with the hardware trade for a long period of time and has been an interested witness in all of the changes which have been brought about through the development of commercial conditions to the present day.

On the 20th of September, 1876, Mr. Schenck was united in marriage to Miss Emma Combs, of Burlington, a daughter of Richard and Eliza J. Combs. They have become parents of four children: C. P., who is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, and is married and has one son; Bertha S., who is the widow of James N. McDavitt

and has one son, and who is also a physician, practicing with her brother in Temple, Texas; W. L., who, after practicing two and one-half years in Texas, returned to Iowa and is teaching dentistry in the State University, Iowa City, from which place he graduated; and Mary E., who is director of physical culture and preceptress of the high school department of Colorado State Teachers' College. The second day after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Schenck removed into the house which they still occupy at No. 801 Starr avenue. Theirs has always been a hospitable home, and they have the warm regard of an extensive circle of friends.

Mr. Schenck holds membership with the United Commercial Travelers and the Travelers' Protective Association. His religious affiliation is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and in his political belief he is a republican. He is always approachable and genial and is popular with his many patrons, who have learned to esteem and honor him because of the many sterling traits of his character and his thorough reliability in business.

CHARLES E. BROOKS.

No student of history can carry his investigations far into the records of Des Moines county without learning of the prominent part that has been played in its upbuilding and development by the members of the Brooks family. In financial circles they have been particularly prominent through three generations and Charles E. Brooks of the second generation is now one of the assistant cashiers of the National State Bank, the oldest institution of the kind in Iowa. He was born in Burlington, January 8, 1860, a son of F. W. Brooks, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume in connection with the sketch of his son, J. W. Brooks. In the family were nine children: Caroline P., the wife of Frank Peasley, also a prominent figure in the financial circles of Burlington; J. W., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Clara, the wife of J. T. McChesney, a resident of Everett, Washington; Annis, who married S. S. Hawkins, but both are now deceased; Charles E., assistant cashier of the National State Bank; F. W., who is a banker of Everett, Washington; H. E., who follows farming in Des Moines county; Fred, now deceased; and Mollie, the wife of David Roscum, of Burlington.

Charles E. Brooks acquired a public-school education and afterward became a student at Lawrenceville, New Jersey. For a short time he also attended Harvard and upon his return to the middle west engaged in the banking business in Minnesota for eight years, during which period he gained broad knowledge of various phases of the business. In 1888 he returned to Burlington and two years later entered the National State Bank, becoming a director and assistant cashier. He has thus continued to the present time and is active with others of the family in shaping the policy of the institution. They have ever recognized the fact that the bank is most worthy of patronage which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors, and this the National State Bank has ever done, maintaining an even balance between progressiveness and conservatism.

On the 26th of January, 1881, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage to Miss Flora Carpenter, a daughter of G. B. P. and Sally (Stockton) Carpenter, representatives of early pioneer families of the county. The mother was a daughter of Judge Stockton, one of the first settlers of Burlington. Mr. Carpenter was for an extended period engaged in the jewelry business but is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have been born five children: Elsie and Ruth Louise, at home; Flora, the wife of Ben Poor; Charles E., an electrician residing in Chicago; and Virginia Peasley, at home.

Mr. Brooks gives his political allegiance to the republican party. The honors and emoluments of office, however, have had no attraction for him, as he has ever preferred to concentrate his attention and energies upon his business affairs, in which connection he has steadily advanced until his name is a well known and honored one in the banking circles not only of Burlington but of the state as well.

JULIUS GEORGE SCHAEFER.

During the years of his connection with the active business interests of Burlington, Julius George Schaefer was a member of the firm of Droegemeyer & Schaefer, dealers in shoes. In the later part of his life, however, he lived retired, enjoying a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, July 2, 1847, a son of George and Mary Schaefer, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland. In their family were three sons and three daughters, of whom Julius G. was the eldest. He spent his youthful days in his native land but left that country

in order to avoid military service, crossing the Atlantic to Wheeling, West Virginia. He spent some time in that city as a bookkeeper in a large hotel there and about 1870 he arrived in Burlington, where he became connected with the shoe trade, forming a partnership with Henry Droegemeyer under the firm name of Droegemeyer & Schaefer. This relation was maintained for several years and they enjoyed a large and profitable business which brought to Mr. Schaefer the handsome competence which he enjoyed through his later years, after he had retired from connection with mercantile pursuits.

On the 7th of March, 1872, Mr. Schaefer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Magel, who was born in Union township, Des Moines county, April 25, 1850, and until her marriage there resided with her parents, Seibert and Mary (Licht) Magel. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer were born twelve children: William, who was born March 4, 1873, and is now living in Burlington; George, who died in infancy; Clara, the wife of Henry Woellhef, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Minnie, the wife of Frank Woellhef, of Burlington; Edward, who was born October 20, 1879, and learned and followed the plumbing trade but died October 25, 1904; Otelia, residing at Perry, Iowa; Bertha, the wife of C. P. Bonham, of Denver, Colorado; Augusta, the wife of Charles Streedbeck, of Helena, Montana; Lottie, who is living with her sister in Denver, Colorado; Stella, Ruth and Charles, all at home. The family circle was again broken by the hand of death when on the 8th of July, 1910, Mr. Schaefer was called to his final rest, being then about sixty-three years of age. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows but took no very active part in fraternal organizations or club life, always preferring to give his attention to his family when not occupied with business affairs. He was devoted to the welfare of the members of his own household and did everything in his power to advance their interests.

ERNEST IRVING WOODBURY, M. D.

Dr. Ernest Irving Woodbury, a practitioner of medicine of the homeopathic school, who since July, 1896, has followed his profession in Burlington, was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the 25th of November, 1870, and is a son of Edmund Israel and Elizabeth (Whitney) Woodbury.

The ancestry can be traced back to "Ye ancient familie of Woodbury," of Devonshire, England, where a common and castle still

bear the Woodbury name. The progenitors of the family in America were John and William Woodbury, who resided in that part of Salem, Massachusetts, which is now Beverly. John Woodbury, who appeared at Cape Ann in 1623-4 and at Salem in 1626, was identified with most of the important interests in the early settlement of the Salem colony and, together with Roger Conant, stood next to Governor Endicott in civil matters. In 1627 he was sent as agent to England, returning in 1628, "bringing a comfortable answer to them that sent him." On the 28th of September, 1630, "John Woodbury is chosen constable of Salem." He was one of the original members of the first church in Salem, Massachusetts. In 1635 and in 1638 he attended the general court as deputy for Salem and the same year received a grant of land from the ruling magistrate. William Woodbury built the first dwelling house at Beverly, a garrison house, in 1630 and after the death of his elder brother John, in 1641, succeeded him in many important offices. The family name figured prominently in connection with many events which have left their impress upon the civil and military history of New England.

Dr. Edmund Israel Woodbury was born in Bolton, Massachusetts, March 7, 1830, in the homestead built and originally occupied by his great-grandfather and afterward owned by his father, adjoining the estate of his grandfather, who served in the Revolutionary war. He was Israel Woodbury, who was born April 13, 1756, and died August 23, 1847. He wedded Annie Morgan and they became the parents of ten children. He was a Revolutionary soldier, serving with distinction until the close of hostilities. He afterward settled on a large farm which was a part of his father's estate. On the 4th of September, 1797, he received from Governor Sumner of Massachusetts a lieutenant's commission which was afterward in the possession of his grandson, Dr. Edmund I. Woodbury, who also had another historical family document which he prized highly and which is now in possession of the subject of this review: the original muster call issued in his majesty's name by Captain Robert Woodbury to his son, Corporal Robert Woodbury, Jr., requiring him to call his squad of soldiers together fully equipped for review in Beverly, Massachusetts, June 14, 1731.

Israel Woodbury, Jr., the father of Dr. Edmund I. Woodbury, was born in Bolton, Massachusetts, November 13, 1785, and died April 6, 1852. He spent his early life on a farm and afterward engaged in teaching school through the winter months, while learning and later following the mason's trade through the summer seasons. For many years he conducted business as a contractor and builder in

Bolton and was also called to neighboring towns in the conduct of his industrial affairs. He was much interested in the military life of the community and in early manhood served as major of militia. He was twice married. He first wedded Tabitha Wilder and for his second wife married Mrs. Olive Snow, the widow of Edmund F. Snow, of Boston. Her maiden name was Olive Berry. Israel Woodbury had ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom Dr. Edmund Israel Woodbury was the third child.

Dr. Edmund Israel Woodbury attended the public schools of New England and studied dentistry in Worcester, Massachusetts, obtaining his degree in September, 1852. He then removed to Yellow Springs, Ohio, where for five years he engaged in practice, and on the 1st of July, 1858, he became a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and the first established dentist in that place or in the western section of the state. He was also among the first members of the Iowa State Dental Society and was prominently connected with that organization and active in its work, serving as its president in 1872. He was also a charter member and one of the first presidents of the Missouri Valley Dental Society. He became widely recognized as a most eminent member of his profession and aside from caring for his extensive practice, he became one of the instructors and lecturers in the dental department of the University of Omaha. There are few men in the entire west who have been more widely or favorably known in the profession. He invented and manufactured several dental specialties of recognized worth and he ever kept abreast with the profession in all of its advancement. He likewise contributed to public progress and did much to promote the growth, welfare and prosperity of Council Bluffs, where he erected several fine residence and business properties. For several years he conducted a drug business in partnership with O. H. Brown and he became a prominent horticulturist of western Iowa, demonstrating the fact that fruit could be successfully grown on the hills along the Missouri river. In spite of opposition he planted his orchard and lived to see his hopes realized. Dr. Woodbury was a lifelong republican, but never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office. He became a member of the Presbyterian church in 1863 and throughout the remainder of his life was most loyal thereto. In 1873 he became an elder of the church and twenty years later was made a commissioner to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Washington, D. C.

On the 25th of May, 1854, Dr. Edmund I. Woodbury was united in marriage to Elizabeth Whitney, of West Townsend, Massachusetts. Her ancestors came from England in 1635 and were prominent

in early colonial and Revolutionary history. Dr. and Mrs. Woodbury had a family of six children. Edmund Nathan, who was born January 31, 1857, died November 4, 1863. Herbert Arthur, born July 9, 1859, was graduated from the Council Bluffs high school in 1876 and from the Boston Dental College in 1880. He then joined his father in practice and helped to organize and was professor of operative dentistry in the dental department of the University of Omaha, becoming dean of that institution. He was married June 6, 1900, to Elizabeth L. Conklin. Elizabeth Olive, born August 9, 1863, graduated from the Council Bluffs high school, was afterward a student in Wellesley College of Massachusetts and for several years taught in the Council Bluffs high school. On the 12th of January, 1888, she became the wife of the Rev. T. B. Greenlee. Charles Elmer, born January 11, 1866, was graduated from the Council Bluffs high school in 1883 and from the Boston Dental College in 1887, and is now practicing at Council Bluffs. He was married November 3, 1891, to Miss Nellie Webster. Cora Louise, born July 20, 1868, supplemented her Council Bluffs educational training by study in Albert Lea College of Minnesota. The youngest of the family is Ernest Irving, whose name introduces this review. The father, Dr. Edmund Israel Woodbury, was not only the first dentist in Council Bluffs but also in that territory which is within one hundred miles of the western boundary of Iowa. He remained active in his profession until his death, which occurred October 14, 1913, when he was nearly eighty-four years of age. He had for two years survived his wife, who passed away in 1911.

The youngest in their family, Dr. Ernest Irving Woodbury, spent his youthful days under the parental roof, attending the public schools of Council Bluffs, and was graduated from the high school. He afterward spent two years in the Iowa State University, taking preparatory work for a professional career. He entered the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1894. He became an interne in October of that year in the Chicago Homeopathic Hospital and so continued until April, 1896, and he has also done post-graduate work in surgery. In July, 1896, he arrived in Burlington, where he has since remained in the active practice of his profession. He is a member of the Iowa State Homeopathic Society and the American Institute of Homeopathy.

In 1901 Dr. Woodbury was united in marriage to Miss Daisy Garton, of Los Angeles, a daughter of the Rev. Richard Garton, D. D., a minister of the Baptist church who is now living retired. Dr. and Mrs. Woodbury have two sons, Edmund I., born May 8, 1904,

and Perry S., born January 5, 1911. Dr. Woodbury holds membership with a college fraternity, the Beta Theta Pi, is also a Knight Templar Mason and belongs to the Burlington Golf Club. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is loyal as a member of the Presbyterian church. He represents one of the oldest pioneer families of the state, the name of Woodbury having long been associated with the development and upbuilding of Iowa. He holds to high standards in his profession, his purpose is ever honorable and his practice of an ethical character, being dominated by a spirit of conscientious obligation which permits of no neglect of professional duties.

JOHN T. BECKMAN.

John T. Beckman has since 1904 been identified with the Moehn Brewery and is now secretary and treasurer of the company which owns and manages the plant. He was born in Dodgeville, Iowa, June 7, 1854, a son of Theodore and Bernadine (Niemann) Beckman. The latter was a daughter of John Niemann, who came to Des Moines county from Germany in 1849. Theodore Beckman arrived in Burlington in 1850, but the following year went to California, attracted by the gold discoveries on the Pacific coast, where he remained for about two years, returning in 1853. He was then married and purchased a farm in Franklin township, upon which he resided to the time of his death, which occurred July 20, 1910, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-eight years. His wife passed away at the age of seventy-eight years. They were members of the Catholic church.

John T. Beckman, the oldest in their family of nine children, all of whom are yet living, was educated in the public schools of Dodgeville and had the usual experiences of the farm boy during his youth, dividing his time between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the tasks which came to him in connection with the development of the fields. After attaining his majority he chose to give his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared and continued in farming until forty years of age, at the same time conducting a general store and acting as postmaster of Dodgeville for twelve years. In 1904, however, he came to Burlington and purchased an interest in the Moehn Brewery, one of the leading establishments of this kind in the city. He was made its secre-



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tary and treasurer and in that office is taking an active part in promoting the interests of the business. In addition he still owns farming property, from which he derives a substantial annual income.

In 1880 Mr. Beckman was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Ritter, who died in 1892, leaving three children: Edward J., who is now engaged in the cultivation of his father's farm; Mary A., the wife of Roy Riffle, who is also residing upon the farm; and Theresa, the wife of William Riffle, who follows farming on the land owned by her father. In 1896 Mr. Beckman was again married, his second union being with Miss Julia Walz, a native of Lowell, Iowa, and they have a son, Theodore, at home.

The parents and children are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Beckman holds membership with the Elks, the Eagles and the Moose. In his political views he is a democrat and has served as assessor and trustee of his township. He has always preferred, however, to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and aside from his brewing and farming interests he is known in financial circles as a director of the Mediapolis Bank. His life has been a busy one, and his close application and energy have brought to him the measure of success which is today his.

WILLIAM FLETCHER HAYDEN.

A well spent life enabled William Fletcher Hayden to leave to his family an untarnished name when death called him. He was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, November 5, 1836, a son of the Rev. John and Sarah (McCotter) Hayden, who were likewise natives of Ohio. The father was a circuit rider of the Methodist Episcopal church and in the year 1839 came to Burlington, finding here a little village on the river bank which had but little industrial or commercial prominence, although it was becoming a trading point for vessels and for the settlers who were making their way westward. At the time of his arrival his father, Stephen Hayden, also came and built the old Star home on Sixth street. Stephen Hayden passed away in Burlington. His son, the Rev. John Hayden, devoted his entire life to the work of the ministry and died upon a farm at Libertyville, Iowa, which farm had been in possession of the family for seventy years. At one time he represented Jefferson county in the state legislature, as did his son, Dr. John Wesley. To him and his wife were born six chil-

dren: William F.; John Wesley, a physician who died in Fairfield, Iowa; Thomas Morris, who was formerly a physician but is now a banker and fruit grower of Fresno, California; Mrs. Sarah Davenport, living in California; James, whose home is at Eldon, Iowa, where he owns a ranch; and Dr. Reed Hayden, now deceased.

William F. Hayden was but three years of age when brought by his parents to Burlington. As a boy he traveled with his father in missionary work among the Indians and the whites who were early settlers of this section. The Indians told him they would steal him, as he had black eyes. He could relate many interesting tales of the red men, their habits and their mode of living. He supplemented his early education by study in the college at Fairfield, Iowa, and also at Mount Pleasant, and some of the large elm trees now seen upon the college campus he aided in planting.

When twenty-two years of age Mr. Hayden was married and established his home in Burlington, where he spent his remaining days, conducting business as an architect and contractor. He was also identified with manufacturing interests, engaging in the making of caskets and in other lines. He was also identified with the White Breast coal mine of Burlington.

Mr. Hayden was united in marriage in 1858 to Miss Susanna Jackson, who was born about ten miles from Wheeling, West Virginia, on the Ohio side of the river, November 28, 1835, and came to Burlington by the river route when fourteen years of age in company with her parents, William and Margaret Jackson, who were natives of Frederick county, Virginia. Her father was a relative of General "Stonewall" Jackson and also of President Andrew Jackson. Her grandfather, William Jackson, played a prominent part in the early history of Virginia. The death of Mrs. Hayden occurred September 15, 1910, while Mr. Hayden passed away May 5, 1903. The loss of both was deeply deplored by their many friends and most of all by their immediate family. They had five children: Perle, who resides at the old home at No. 701 Division street, occupying a large fine residence which was erected by her father more than forty years ago; Jessie H., the wife of Francis Brooks, a resident of Everett, Washington; Margaret, the wife of Harold Dayton, of New York city; Mrs. May H. Smith, who died leaving two daughters, Katharine and Margaret, who reside with their aunt, Miss Hayden; and Edward J., who is living in Nutley, New Jersey. Miss Hayden is a graduate of the Burlington high school and is a lady of excellent business qualifications. Her father died eleven years ago and left valuable property interests, and as her mother was unable to assume their management,

Miss Hayden took up the business and has successfully controlled the interests of the estate.

William F. Hayden was a man of many sterling traits of character and his name is inseparably interwoven with the history of Burlington, where he made his home for nearly two-thirds of a century. At the time of his death he was one of its oldest residents. There were few who could relate stories of Burlington's villagehood from an actual personal knowledge thereof. He grew with the city and contributed to its growth and improvement and at all times conformed his life to his professions as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, so that he left to his family not only a goodly inheritance in property but also an honored name.

J. N. PATTERSON, M. D.

Dr. J. N. Patterson has been a representative of the medical profession of Burlington since July, 1898, and had resided here for but a brief period ere his power in professional work began to draw to him a growing practice that is now gratifying and extensive. He was born in Greenbush, Ontario, September 23, 1864, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (Empey) Patterson. The father was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life in Canada, as did the mother.

When Dr. Patterson had mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of his native city he entered Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, and was graduated from the medical department of that institution with the class of 1890. Crossing the border into the United States, he practiced in Ohio, Fillmore county, Nebraska, through the ensuing eight years and in July, 1898, came to Burlington. For sixteen years he has followed his profession in this city and his professional aid is entirely satisfactory to his many patients. He holds to the highest professional standard and is true to its ethical teachings. He practices both medicine and surgery and he is a member of the Des Moines County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 28th of December, 1904, Dr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Louise Blanke, a native of Burlington and a daughter of Charles and Mary Blanke. Dr. Patterson exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit upon which the order of Masonry is founded, having membership in Malta Lodge, No. 98, A. F. & A. M. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He exercises his right

of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and his religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church. His has been an active and well spent life, characterized by fidelity to high ideals, and his efforts at all times have been a matter of valuable aid to his many patrons.

ADOLPH SCHOENHAAR.

Adolph Schoenhaar, proprietor of an establishment for the manufacture of mineral waters at No. 1249 Agency avenue in Burlington, was born in Germany, August 24, 1858, a son of Gottlieb Adam and Louisa (Fuernhaber) Schoenhaar. The parents were both natives of Germany and died there many years ago. Adolph Schoenhaar was but nine years of age when his mother passed away. In the family were eight children, of whom five are yet living. William resides in Wilmington, Delaware, where he is engaged in the bakery business, and the others, save our subject, are residents of Germany.

Adolph Schoenhaar attended the public schools of his native country and worked in a flour mill there before coming to the new world. Believing that he might have better opportunities and advantages on this side the Atlantic, he came to the United States in 1882 and arrived in Burlington on the 27th of September. On that date there was snow and ice upon the ground, winter setting in very early that year. He first worked for Christian Bicklin as a farm hand and later was employed by Raessener & Muengenmeyer, who were conducting a butchering business. He was afterward employed for fifteen years by Christ Mathies in a soda water manufactory, where he learned his present business. He acquainted himself with every phase of the trade and the methods of manufacture, and in 1909 he formed a partnership with Julius Fladt and established his present business. The partnership was maintained for several years, but for the past three years Mr. Schoenhaar has been alone. He manufactures all kinds of soda water and soft drinks, conducting both a wholesale and retail business, selling largely to the city and private trade. He has secured a liberal patronage and has prospered from the outset until he now owns the ground and all of the buildings which he occupies and at the same time has an extensive trade which is growing year by year.

On the 9th of June, 1889, Mr. Schoenhaar was united in marriage to Miss Mary Vogelgesang, who was born in Burlington in 1859, a

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Vogelgesang, who were natives of Germany and came to America in early life. The mother died when her daughter Mrs. Schoenhaar was but eight years of age. The father, who was a dairyman, died about nine years ago. They had eight children, all of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Schoenhaar have had no children of their own, but have reared a niece, Glory Schoenhaar, who was born in Burlington in June, 1905, and is now in school.

Mr. and Mrs. Schoenhaar hold membership in St. John's Catholic church. They reside at No. 846 Columbia street, where they have made their home since 1893. Fraternally he is connected with the Eagles and with the Turner Society, and in politics he has always been a democrat since becoming a naturalized American citizen but never an office seeker. He is truly a self-made man. At the time of his marriage he had but twenty-seven dollars, but he possessed courage and industry in large measure and these have been the elements which have carried him forward to success. He has gained a fair competence and is respected by one and all. His friends find him a genial, entertaining companion and ever a courteous gentleman, and as a citizen he is public-spirited, taking much interest in those things which are of value and worth to the community.

HENRY EILERS.

The growth and prosperity of a city does not depend upon a single individual but upon the aggregate efforts of many, especially of that class who control and promote the important industrial and commercial interests. In this number is included Henry Eilers, a concrete and cement contractor with office at No. 1604 Lincoln street. He was born April 28, 1860, in Germany, a son of Eilert and Wibke (Miners) Eilers, who were likewise natives of that country, where they remained until called to their final rest. The father died when his son Henry was but six years of age. In the family were three children: Fred, now living in the state of Washington; Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Heanen, of Germany; and Henry.

The last named was educated in the free schools of Germany and first took up timber work, sawing the rough timber and then selling to others. The year 1881 witnessed his arrival in Burlington. This was about the time he attained his majority. He was first employed as a laborer and secured a situation with Leige Henry, a brick con-

tractor. He afterward entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company and still later worked at cement work, becoming foreman for George Kriechbaum, with whom he remained for a few years. He began to take contracts on his own account about 1885 or 1886 and has erected a number of cement houses, including two for Mr. Cowles, one for Mr. Copeland and one for Mrs. Vermann, in addition to his own residence, an elegant and commodious two-story dwelling which he built in 1905. He also did all the cement work for the Churchhill & McConnel factory and the building of the Iowa Soap Company. He manufactures cement blocks at home, having a well equipped plant upon his grounds, is very successful and takes contracts for all kinds of cement work. He was the first man to put in a concrete foundation in the city of Burlington, this being put in for Mr. Emloff on Gunnison street on West Hill. He thoroughly understands every phase of the business and has been accorded a liberal and growing patronage.

In August, 1882, Mr. Eilers was married to Miss Annie Ficken, who was born in Germany, June 10, 1858, a daughter of Eilert and Helena (Lange) Ficken, both of whom were natives of Germany and in 1880 came to America, settling in Burlington. The father was a farmer by occupation and was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death occurred about a year after his arrival here. His wife passed away about twenty years ago. They had eight children, of whom four are now living: Lena, the widow of Christian Horbeck, of Burlington; Dorothy, the widow of Richard Vermann, of Peoria, Illinois; Henry, of Muscatine, Iowa; and Mrs. Eilers. To Mr. and Mrs. Eilers have been born six children, of whom four survive. Ferdinand was born in April, 1884; Helena Amanda was born November 26, 1887; John Henry, twin brother of Helena Amanda, died October 6, 1888; Lillian was born in 1891 and died in 1911 after completing the course in business college; Rosa was born May 9, 1894, and attended business college, while now she is a stenographer for the firm of Clinton & Copeland; and Henry was born July 6, 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Eilers are devoted members of the Baptist church, their lives being in consistent harmony with its teachings. They have an attractive home which is a most hospitable one and they also own several other houses, including two on Lincoln street and two elsewhere in the city. They have made every effort to win success and prosperity has attended their efforts. They have also given their children good advantages and at all times have held to progressive ideas in relation to home life and to the community. Their own home is

one of the most attractive in the neighborhood, surrounded by beautiful grounds adorned with flowers of all kinds. Mr. Eilers cast his vote for the democratic party in early manhood but now largely votes independently. He has never been an office seeker, always preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs, and gradually he has worked his way upward, gaining thorough understanding of the trade in every particular and advancing step by step through honorable methods until he is now one of the foremost cement contractors of the city.

CHARLES EDGAR ELLIOTT.

Charles Edgar Elliott, president of Elliott's Business College of Burlington, was born in Rochester, New York, September 7, 1883, while his mother was visiting in that city. Burlington, however, has always been his home and its public schools afforded him his preliminary educational advantages. He afterward spent two years as a student in the University of Wisconsin and in Elliott's Business College he pursued a full course and was graduated with the class of 1901. This school was founded, promoted and conducted by his father, George W. Elliott, who became recognized throughout the country as one of the most successful educators in the field of commercial instruction, and built up in Burlington an institution of which the city has every reason to be proud.

Following his graduation Charles E. Elliott became a teacher in the school and has continued as such for the past ten years. He seemed to have inherited his father's ability as an instructor and gradually developed his powers in the educational field. His instruction has ever been clear and concise and he has the ability to impart readily and impressively to others the knowledge that he has acquired. Upon the death of his father, in 1913, he succeeded to the presidency of the college and is now directing its interests, maintaining the high standard instituted by his father. He is looking toward the constant broadening and improvement of methods of instruction and also of school equipment and his friends feel no doubt of the fact that he will keep the school in close touch with the progress and demands of the time in the business world. Elliott's Business College occupies a large three story brick building, containing many class rooms and splendidly equipped office and counting rooms, where business can

be transacted in exactly the same manner as if commodities were to be bought and sold.

In 1910 Mr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Schuetze, of Burlington, a daughter of George H. Schuetze, who is connected with the Murray Iron Works. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have a son, Charles, now two and a half years of age. The parents are members of the Catholic church, and Mr. Elliott gives his political allegiance to the republican party.

CHARLES G. EARNEST.

Charles G. Earnest has the distinction of being the first republican sheriff of Des Moines county in twenty years and indorsement of his splendid record in office came in a largely increased vote at his second election. Moreover, he is well known as a successful dairyman, conducting a wholesale business of that character.

He was born in Des Moines county, February 24, 1858, a son of David A. and Catherine A. (Garman) Earnest. The father, who was a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent, became one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the state, establishing his home in Des Moines county in 1845, and the following year purchased a tract of land near Burlington. Turning his attention to general agricultural pursuits, he continued actively in the work of the farm until after the outbreak of the Civil war. Although he was too old to be drafted, his spirit of patriotism and loyalty to his adopted country prompted his enlistment and he joined the "boys in blue" of Company E, Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, with which he went to the front. He laid down his life on the altar of his country, dying in a hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, and there his remains rest, marked by a tombstone showing his name, regiment, etc. His widow long survived him, passing away in 1910, at the age of eighty-three years. In their family were four sons: M. B., now a resident of California; David A., who was killed in a railway accident; Charles G., of this review; and Christopher, who became a railroad engineer and lost his life in a wreck. The father had been married previously and had four children by his first marriage, but all have passed away.

Charles G. Earnest, spending his youthful days upon the home farm in this county, attended the public schools and in the periods of vacation worked in the fields, aiding in the plowing, planting and harvesting and thus gaining a practical knowledge of all the phases of



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farm work. In 1879—the year in which he attained his majority—he embarked in the dairy business, in which he still continues, being now proprietor of the C., B. & Q. dairy. He assisted in organizing the Sanitary Milk Company and was its first president. Gradually his business has advanced along substantial lines, owing to his capable management and he is now selling all milk at wholesale. He milks forty cows and finds a ready market for the product. He is well known as an enterprising, progressive business man, and his success is well merited.

In 1891 Mr. Earnest was united in marriage to Miss Kate E. Kelley, a daughter of Isaac and Nettie Kelley, both of whom are now deceased. Her father was also a farmer of this state. Mr. Earnest holds membership in the Commercial Exchange and his fraternal connections are with the Eagles, the Elks, the Moose and the Red Men. He is likewise a charter member of the Carthage Lake Club. His political allegiance has always been unswervingly given to the republican party, but he never held office until appointed sheriff to succeed W. M. Muenzenmeyer, who passed away in 1902. At the next election he was a candidate for the office, but was defeated by seventy-three votes. In 1910 he again became a candidate and on that occasion was elected by seventy-three votes. Once more he was the republican nominee in 1912 and the result of that election is one of which he has every reason to be proud, for he was given a majority of twelve hundred. In 1914 he was again elected to the office of sheriff by about the same majority as before, and is thus serving as the first republican sheriff of Des Moines county in twenty years. It does not take any great insight to read between the lines in this connection, for the increased vote indicates how prompt, capable, fearless and impartial he has been in the discharge of his official duties.

EWALD H. HOELZEN.

Ewald H. Hoelzen, who is conducting a general real-estate and insurance business at No. 210 North Fourth street, Burlington, in partnership with F. W. Rasche, has secured a large clientage that makes his business a profitable one. His surname indicates his German nativity. He was born October 10, 1865, in the fatherland, his parents being Frederick and Ida (Zander) Hoelzen, who in 1877 came to the United States, making their way at once to Burlington.

The father was a minister of the German Baptist church and engaged in preaching in this city for thirteen years but at length retired from the ministry, although his deep interest in and active support of the church never wavered to the time of his death, which occurred in 1909. For eight years he survived his wife, who passed away in 1901. In their family were nine children: Fred, who is now living retired in Burlington; Hugo, who is engaged in the grocery business in this city; Clara, the wife of O. G. Gerdes, of Burlington; Ewald H.; Ida, the wife of August G. Schmidt, of Burlington; William, of the same city; Bertha, the wife of John Doden, a farmer; Ella, who is book-keeper for the Volksfreund Tribune; and Amanda, the wife of Dietrich Sproch, of Burlington.

Ewald H. Hoelzen was a lad of eleven summers when brought by his family to the new world and in the public schools of Burlington he pursued his education. When he had finished his studies he took up the printing business in the employ of Conrad Lutz and later he was connected with the Tribune, a German paper published in this city. In 1886 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he became connected with the Sendbote, a German paper with which he was identified for seven years. Upon his return to Burlington in 1893 he engaged in the retail oil business, continuing actively in that field for six years. He afterward worked for the Volksfreund Tribune as advertising solicitor for seven years and this brought him a wide acquaintance which has been of immense value to him in his present business connection. On resigning his position with the paper he entered the employ of the Parsons Realty Company, with which he was connected for six years, at the end of which time he became a partner in the business and was elected vice president. Afterward he succeeded to the presidency, but in 1912 sold his interest in the business and started independently at No. 210 North Fourth street in the conduct of a general real-estate and insurance business, in which he is now associated with F. W. Rasche. He has comprehensive knowledge of everything connected with the real-estate market, is correct in his valuations of property and has negotiated many important realty transfers.

On the 28th of November, 1889, Mr. Hoelzen was united in marriage to Miss Susie M. Schulte, of Cleveland, Ohio, her father being Herman Schulte, the manager of the German Baptist Publishing House. Our subject and his wife have seven children, as follows: Florence Grace, who gave her hand in marriage to Harry Schulz, connected with the Burrus Marble & Stone Works of Burlington;

Arthur C., who is employed in his father's office; and Edna, Clarence, Edwin, Mildred and Kenneth, all at home.

The family are members of the German Baptist church, in the work of which they take a most active and helpful interest, while to its support they contribute generously. Mr. Hoelzen has served as secretary of this church for the past seventeen years. He is a progressive in politics, active and interested in the party and its success. He was one of the organizers of the West End Improvement Club and is a public-spirited citizen, manifesting a deep interest in all those concerns which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He stands for progress in municipal affairs, just as he does in business life, and many public movements have felt the stimulus of his cooperation.

ANDREW DEHNER.

There probably was no man who had more sincere friends in Burlington than Andrew Dehner, popularly known as "Andy." He was the founder and for many years the head of the Andy Dehner Cigar Company. Mr. Dehner was born in Burlington, July 15, 1853, and died in that city March 6, 1909, when nearly fifty-six years of age. He was a son of John and Mary Dehner, who were both natives of Germany. They became early settlers of Lincolnville or Burlington, Iowa, and the father was one of the founders of Dutchtown, where he resided to the time of his death. He was proprietor of a truck farm and in its cultivation provided for the support of his family, which numbered four children: Paul, who is still living in Dutchtown; Lawrence, deceased; Andrew; and Mary, who is the widow of Henry Moehn, of Burlington.

The parents were pioneer settlers of this county and their son Andrew was reared and educated in Burlington. When a young man he established a cigar factory in a small way on Maple street and being eager to succeed, judicious in his transactions and industrious at his work, his business grew and he was soon forced to move to the down town district, locating at No. 717 North Main street, where he occupied a store room and in connection with his factory carried on a retail business. After a few years he made another removal, this time locating on Jefferson street, between Main and Front, where he continued until 1887, when he removed to the corner of Main and Jefferson streets. He was always careful of his business interests and once he secured a customer he held him by his fair treatment and the

careful attention which he gave to individual wants and tastes. His circle of patrons extended as time passed and at his demise he owned the largest cigar business in Burlington. In 1905 he incorporated, taking William Bongert and John Dehner into the firm. Both were young men of sterling worth who relieved him of all charge of the work and anxiety connected with the conduct of the factory and store. Since his death the business has been carried on at the same location and under the name of the Andy Dehner Cigar Company, of which Mrs. Dehner now is president. It still is the foremost business of its kind in Burlington.

For many years the store of Mr. Dehner was the rendezvous of men about town, Mr. Dehner being popular with all classes of people and treating all fairly and squarely. He had friends everywhere, for he quickly established sympathetic bonds with all who came into contact with him and there were none who could resist his open-hearted, pleasant ways. Mr. Dehner was a great lover of the out-of-doors and fond of athletics and sports. He was devoted to the rod and gun and could interestingly narrate experiences which were personal recollections. His store was dubbed the "swapping story" place and was a pleasant place where many an old fisherman and hunter would pass an hour in converse with those similarly inclined. Mr. Dehner was an ardent baseball enthusiast and in the earlier days of league ball in Burlington was president of the local club, much to the detriment of his pocket, as he had to stand heavy expenses to maintain the organization at a time when such clubs did not pay their own way in the smaller cities.

On April 29, 1884, Mr. Dehner was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Dummler, who was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, February 26, 1861, and there resided to the time of her marriage. Her parents, Andy and Mary (William) Dummler, were natives of Germany and became early residents of Ottumwa, where they remained until called to their final rest. Mr. and Mrs. Dehner became the parents of eight children: Carl, now living in Detroit, Michigan; Anna, the wife of Christ Ostertag, of Burlington; Leo, also of this city; Cecelia, Minetta and Andrew, all at home; Marion, who died at the age of thirteen months; and Edward, who died at the age of nine years.

In his religious faith Mr. Dehner was a Catholic, holding membership in St. John's church, and in its work he took an active and helpful interest. In 1903 he erected the fine brick residence on Summer street which is yet occupied by his family, and he delighted to dispense the hospitality of his home. He had great appreciation for friendship and was very popular among the people who were his

associates. He was a member of the Crystal Lake Club and the Hawkeye Natives Club and fraternally belonged to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Dehner is well remembered by the residents of Burlington, to practically all of whom he was known as one of the most agreeable men one is privileged to meet. He was open-hearted and open-handed, pleasant and genial alike to rich and poor, and his heart was large enough to take into his friendship all classes of people irrespective of achievement or attainment. He liked a man for what a man was and not for what he was worth, and it is for that reason that Andy Dehner will not be easily forgotten by the many who called him friend.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Dehner has been president of the Andy Dehner Cigar Company and has active voice in the management of the business. Her husband purchased the land and erected thereon the building used as a factory at Jefferson and Main streets, which is in the center of the city. The close comradeship between husband and wife, whereby Mrs. Dehner secured considerable knowledge of the business, enabled her to take up the work which he laid down and in its control she has displayed marked ability.

J. W. SMITH, M. D.

Burlington has every reason to be proud of the medical profession as represented here, for on the whole its members are a class of men who recognize the obligations which devolve upon them and, holding to high professional ideals, are rendering valuable service to their fellows. Such is the record of Dr. Smith, who has now practiced in this city for about twelve years. He is a native of the neighboring state of Missouri, his birth having occurred in Memphis, August 26, 1869, his parents being James and Sarah A. (Smith) Smith. The father was a farmer by occupation and thus provided for his family.

Dr. Smith had the usual experiences of the lad who is reared in the middle west and depends upon the public schools for his educational training. After leaving the high school he entered the Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, in which he pursued the full course until graduated on the 9th of April, 1903, on which occasion his professional degree was conferred upon him. He immediately afterward came to Burlington, where he has since remained in general practice. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible.

He did not consider his education completed when he left college but has continued to read broadly and think deeply and has kept abreast with the onward march of the profession in every way.

On the 31st of December, 1895, Dr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Lydia M. Wedertz, of Burlington, a daughter of Charles and Mary Wedertz. Her father was one of the pioneer settlers and early merchants of Burlington and was a very popular and prominent man, especially influential among the German-American citizens, and in various ways he left the impress of his individuality for good upon the upbuilding of this section.

Dr. Smith is a republican but with independent tendencies. He is well known in Masonic circles, holding membership in the lodge and chapter, and he also belongs to the Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Degree of Honor, the Court of Honor, the Woodmen Circle, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Mystic Workers. He is likewise a member of the Burlington Automobile Club, a fact which indicates something of the nature of his recreation. Geniality and cordiality have gained him popularity and Dr. Smith is now widely and favorably known in his adopted city.

FERDINAND PIETZSCH.

Ferdinand Pietzsch was one of the honored veterans of the Civil war and is also a retired dry-goods merchant of Burlington. He was born in Saxony, Germany, at Langenfeld, on the 28th of October, 1841, and is a son of Alexander and Sedonia (Bonitz) Pietzsch. In 1848 the father crossed the Atlantic to New Orleans and thence made his way up the river to St. Louis and to Burlington, after which he returned in 1850 to his native land for his family. He brought his wife and children to the new world and again made the voyage to the Crescent City, proceeding thence northward to his destination. He was a manufacturer of woolen goods and after coming to Iowa turned his attention to farming, in which he continued until his death in 1851. His widow survived and passed away in Burlington when more than seventy-one years of age. In their family were thirteen children, one of whom died while they were crossing the Atlantic. They also lost four children the first year of their residence in Burlington. At the time of the father's death most of them were too

young to work and the mother had a hard time to make both ends meet. The father had lost his money in Germany during the troublous times of 1848 and 1849 and had to start in life anew on coming to America. Seven children of the family reached adult age: Herman, now deceased; Morris, who was shot by a burglar in St. Louis; Minnie, who became the wife of August Wedertz and died in Burlington; Ferdinand; Rosa, the widow of John Mathes, now living in Nashville, Tennessee; Ernest, also of Nashville; and Anna, the widow of Henry Pottoff and a resident of Burlington.

Ferdinand Pietzsch was brought to Burlington by his parents in 1850, when a lad of but nine summers, and has here since made his home. In his boyhood days he worked at farm labor and his life has ever been a most busy one. In May, 1863, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company D, Forty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days' service. After his return home he worked upon a farm for another year and in 1865 he was married. He afterward turned his attention to the dry-goods business and conducted a store in Burlington for twenty years, making a creditable record as an enterprising merchant. He then again took up farming, which he followed for seven years, and since that time he has lived retired. He has a large, fine home here and is enjoying well earned rest.

Mr. Pietzsch was united in marriage to Miss Mary Piper, who was born in Prussia, Germany, March 14, 1847, and when three years of age, with one brother, Fred Bock, was brought to America by her parents, Frederick and Dorothy (Schultz) Bock, who purchased a farm on the Fort Madison road in Des Moines county. For twenty years they remained upon that place and afterward took up their abode on a farm on the Flint river, where their remaining days were passed. They had a family of four children. John Christ, who at the first call for troops at the time of the Civil war, enlisted in 1861 for three months' service and afterward reenlisted for three years, while later he veteranized and served until the close of the war. He went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and participated in a number of the most notable engagements. He afterward went to California and was never heard from again, so that it is probable that he lost his life on the coast. Mrs. Pietzsch was the second of the family. Annie became the wife of Ferdinand Schauenberg and died leaving one son, William, of Burlington. His son, Harry S., has resided with Mr. and Mrs. Pietzsch since he lost his mother at the age of three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Pietzsch have had no children of their own but have reared three: Edward and Matilda Pietzsch and Harry Schauenberg. The adopted daughter is now the wife of Ernst Gerdes of this city, and Edward is an enterprising young business man. Harry Schauenberg has a responsible position with the German-American Savings Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Pietzsch took a trip back to Germany in 1872 and thus renewed the friendships of early life. They are members of the First Evangelical church and are earnest and consistent Christian people, always doing good to others. They have a large, fine home in Burlington and the spirit of hospitality there reigns supreme. Mr. Pietzsch has seen many changes during the sixty-four years of his residence in Iowa. At the time of his arrival here Burlington was only a country town and all around grew the untouched forest, while the land where his home now stands was enclosed with a rail fence. Mr. Pietzsch has led a most quiet, peaceful, useful and honorable life. He has ever endeavored to deal justly with his fellowmen and his life, honorable and upright at all times, has measured up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship.

ALFRED GRANT HOPKINS, M. D.

Dr. Alfred Grant Hopkins, of Burlington, Iowa, is an eminent physician and surgeon whose practice has extended to many cities besides the one in which he resides. He was born March 17, 1848, in New York city, New York, a son of Philip and Frances (Elliott) Hopkins, the father a native of the north of Ireland and the mother a daughter of Dr. Elliott, of Tralee, on the Lakes of Killarney, Ireland. The father was a captain in the British navy, as were his father and grandfather before him. The birth of our subject occurred a few days after his parents had landed in New York. They made the voyage across the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, embarking at Liverpool, England. A cousin of Dr. Hopkins is now a captain in the British navy and a brother of our subject is a king's counsel, residing at Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Hopkins is descended in a direct line from Mr. Stephen Hopkins, who was a member of the first medical congress held at London and who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence of the American colonies. He was a Quaker, or Friend, and wore his hat at that time, saying after



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signing the articles that he was not sure how soon he would lose both his hat and head.

Dr. Hopkins first studied under a private tutor, then attended a grammar school in Toronto, Canada, from which he was graduated, and subsequently entered Lewiston Academy at Lewiston, New York, completing a course there. Following his graduation from that institution he worked in a drug store for two years and then matriculated in a medical college at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the class of 1870. He began practice at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and subsequently removed successively to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, to Niagara Falls, New York, and Chicago, Illinois. He resumed his professional study in the latter city and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Illinois in 1890, after which he returned east, practicing for three years in Boston, Massachusetts. At the expiration of that time he took a post-graduate course in physical diagnosis under the famous Dr. McWilliams, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago, which was connected with the University of Illinois. He next located at Omaha, Nebraska, but after residing there for a time gave up practice and spent five years traveling, visiting many different parts of the world. He then came to Burlington, which has since remained his home. He is one of the leaders of the medical profession in eastern Iowa and embodies in his work the results of the discoveries and experiments of the investigators in all countries who are constantly seeking new knowledge concerning the best means of restoring health and prolonging life. He has met with marked success and patients come to him from a wide territory. There is probably no physician and surgeon in Burlington who has done more to alleviate human suffering and he has been especially quick in his response to the need of those who are dependent upon charity for medical treatment, giving his service oftentimes without the prospect of financial return.

Dr. Hopkins was married in Chicago to Miss Jane Austin and to their union three children have been born: Grace, the wife of Fred Spencer, a resident of Chicago; H. M.; and Tereze, the wife of M. C. Krarup, of New York city. Dr. Hopkins is independent in the exercise of his right of suffrage, voting for the men and measures that he thinks will best subserve the interests of all the people. He is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church. He has been a member of various societies and fraternities, but the demands of his extensive practice now preclude to a great extent social engagements. In professional circles he has won distinction and his

personality, which is that of a gentleman of the old school, wins and retains the sincere friendship of those who are privileged to know him intimately.

FREDERICK J. DISQUE

At the age of seventy-nine years, Frederick J. Disque, who for many years has been well known in the business circles of Burlington as a harness manufacturer and dealer, is now living retired.

He was born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, January 5, 1836, a son of Conrad and Barbara (Fauth) Disque, who were both born in Rhenish Bavaria, at that time French territory. The father was born in 1804, became a wagon maker, and in 1845 removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he resided until his death, June 7, 1853. His wife was born November 6, 1807, and passed away in Philadelphia, February 8, 1855. They had a family of ten children. The ancestry in the father's line is traced back to the French Huguenots, who during the religious persecutions in France were driven out. Of the ten children of Conrad and Barbara Disque, only three are now living: Frederick J.; Catherine, the widow of Fred Wehmeier; and Appolania, the widow of Frederick Bierwirth, residing in Los Angeles, California.

Frederick J. Disque attended the public schools in his native town until he was eleven, and then came with the mother and family to America in 1847, two years after the immigration of the father. From that time forward, Fred made his own living and helped to support the family, working at boot fitting and whip making, as an expert stitcher. In 1856 the family of five children came to Burlington, through the generous aid and kindness of their uncle, Henry Disque, a pioneer who came here in 1842.

At the breaking out of the Civil war, Frederick J. enlisted in Company G, Fifty-seventh Illinois Infantry, at Camp Douglas, Chicago, November 5, 1861. This regiment took part in the siege of Fort Donelson, the battle of Shiloh and other engagements; one company helped to hold the fort at Altoona Pass under General Corse. On the first day of the battle of Shiloh Mr. Disque was severely wounded, was discharged at Corinth, Mississippi, July 11, 1862, and returned to Burlington. Here he joined the regiment band that was being formed for the First Iowa Cavalry. On arriving at St.

Louis to be mustered in they found that there were no more bands wanted.

He remained at St. Louis until the fall of 1863 when he returned to Burlington. Early in 1864 he entered the harness business of G. Ulrich as a partner, the new firm being Ulrich and Disque, which continued up to 1870 when G. Ulrich retired. Later Geo. J. Reis entered the firm which now became F. J. Disque and Company, which lasted until 1888 when Mr. Disque retired, disposing of his interest to the partner, Geo. J. Reis, who is still, in 1915, in business at the old stand, a period of fifty-one years.

On the 17th of February, 1871, Mr. Disque was united in marriage to Marie L. A. Holstein, who was born in Cassel, Germany, October 29, 1846, a daughter of Ludwig and Gertrude (Schmoll) Holstein. The father was born January 5, 1818, and died in Burlington in 1896. He came to America in 1852 to escape the reaction of the revolution of 1848-49, when so many revolutionists had to leave the fatherland. To him and his first wife were born three children: Charles, Marie L. A. and Conrad Holstein. The second wife of Mr. Ludwig Holstein was Francisca Miller, and they had three children: Herman J. and George J. Holstein, both of Burlington and Bertha Holstein, living in Colorado.

To Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Disque have been born six children: Louis E., born December 10, 1871, is now a traveling salesman, Herman F., born May 10, 1873, is also a traveling salesman for B. Young and Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a member of the firm. Edward G., born January 7, 1876, is a department manager and member of the Chittenden and Eastman Company. His marriage with Elizabeth Verne Poor took place October 12, 1905, and two children were born to this union: Marie Elizabeth, born September 9, 1906, and Edward Neil, May 10, 1910. The fourth son of Fred J. and Marie Disque, Robert Conrad, was born March 14, 1883, is a graduate of the Burlington high school and the University of Wisconsin. He was for two years instructor in the Burlington high school and is now professor of electrical engineering at the University of Wisconsin. The fifth son, Walter Alfred Disque, was born February 3, 1885, completed a course in Elliott's Business College and was an instructor there for several years. He is now a member and department manager of the Charles Ilfeld Company, wholesale dealers in every thing, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The only daughter, Hattie Disque, was born November 7, 1880, and died August 10, 1881.

In 1884 F. J. Disque joined the G. A. R. Post, served as commander during 1888, was appointed quartermaster for the state en-

campment 1889, and past adjutant 1890, reappointed excepting one year from year to year up to date, 1915. He served eight terms, sixteen years, as clerk of Burlington township. As one of the Des Moines county soldiers' relief commissioners, mostly as secretary, he served continuously since 1888, and assisted as such in establishing the soldiers' lot in Aspen Grove cemetery and the erection of the beautiful soldiers' monument thereon.

Mr. Disque is a self-made man who started in life empty-handed, but early realized that economy and industry are a sure foundation upon which to build success. He worked his way steadily upward in business, and commanded the respect, confidence and goodwill of his fellow townsmen. He is plain and unassuming in manner, but one of the most substantial German citizens of Burlington, highly honored by all who know him. Moreover, he and his wife have reared a family of sons, of whom they have every reason to be proud, and who do credit to their parents' name.

E. L. NAUMANN.

E. L. Naumann is a successful druggist of Burlington, conducting a growing business. Laudable ambition and sound judgment have been balancing factors in his business career and have brought to him the measure of prosperity which he now enjoys. He was born in Hannibal, Missouri, February 6, 1868, and is a son of Henry and Anna (Riepe) Naumann. The father was a minister of the German Methodist Episcopal church and, according to the itinerant custom of that denomination, was located at various places, his influence being one of far-reaching effect and benefit. He was called to serve as presiding elder and in 1871 he came to Burlington, where he organized the Central Avenue German Methodist church. He was also pastor of the North Hill German Methodist church in the early '70s. His life was indeed a beneficent influence and his memory remains as an inspiration and a benediction to all who knew him. He passed away in Burlington, where his widow still resides among many friends who have long held her in the highest esteem.

E. L. Naumann largely acquired his education in the public schools of Quincy, Illinois, Muscatine, Iowa, and Burlington. Thinking to find the drug business congenial and hoping to make it a source of substantial profit, he began studying in the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and is numbered among its alumni of 1889. The following year he embarked in the drug trade in Burlington, purchasing

the store of E. E. Wyckoff on Third street, where he conducted business for two years. He then purchased the Larson drug store on Jefferson street and in February, 1892, combined the two stores at No. 213 Jefferson street. He carries a large and well selected line of drugs and druggists' sundries and the tasteful arrangement of his store, his thoroughly reliable business methods, his courteous treatment and his earnest desire to please his patrons have been the salient factors in his growing success.

In 1889 Mr. Naumann was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Held, of Burlington, a daughter of John N. and Louisa (Bach) Held, who were early settlers of this city, the father being identified with business interests as a commercial traveler. The two children of this marriage are: Russell W., who is with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company; and Louise, at home.

The parents hold membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church, of which they are loyal and consistent representatives. Mr. Naumann also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political indorsement to the republican party and in 1905 was called to the office of supervisor, which position he filled for three years, making a creditable record. This is the only office in which he has ever served, for he has always preferred to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs, and his close application, diligence and persistency of purpose have led him into important relations with the commercial interests of Burlington.

GEORGE BINDER, JR.

George Binder, Jr., is conducting an insurance agency in Burlington, and a circular letter advertising business. His interests along these lines, however, constitute but one phase of his activity, for he is a cooperant factor in many movements and measures which are elements in the moral progress of the city as well. Burlington may well be proud to number him among her native sons. He was here born on the 1st of February, 1878, and between the ages of six and fifteen years he was continuously a pupil in the public schools. He afterward pursued a course in Elliott's Business College of this city and then entered the employ of the Donahoe Iron & Hardware Company in various capacities, continuing with that house for five years. On leaving that employ he went to Chicago and studied in the Art Insti-

tute of that city for a year. He entered the employ of the Cross Printing Company as a designer and thus remained for a year.

Mr. Binder was, however, an active worker in the Young Men's Christian Association and was made assistant physical culture director at the west side organization. He filled that position until he returned to Burlington to accept the proffered position of director of the physical culture department of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city. He was one of the chief promoters of the new association building, working untiringly to advance the cause and secure the funds necessary to the erection of the splendid building which they now occupy. He remained an instructor until 1909, when he suffered a severe accident which tore the ligaments in his knee and prevented his following his previous line of work any longer. Accordingly he embarked in the insurance business, taking up all branches except that of life insurance. He does a large circular letter advertising business and he represents six of the most important fire insurance companies. He was also appointed secretary of the Merchants Credit Rating Association, which was organized ten years ago, and he developed the association up to its present high standard, getting out the first book.

On the 29th of June, 1904, Mr. Binder was united in marriage to Miss Hattie K. Zaiser, of Burlington, who was educated in the schools here. They have a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, seven years of age. Mr. Binder is treasurer of the Des Moines County Sunday School Association. He likewise belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows but concentrates his attention upon his business, his home and his church activities. He has always believed that character building is much more worth while than the accumulation of wealth and values his own self-respect and the esteem of his fellow-men more than business success, fame or position.

CHURCHILL DRUG COMPANY.

The Churchill Drug Company of Burlington is one of the largest wholesale enterprises of this character in the middle west. The business has been in continuous existence for over sixty years, they having succeeded the old wholesale drug houses of C. P. Squires & Company and Reynolds & Churchill. In 1889 articles of incorporation were taken out under the name of the Churchill Drug Company, with F. E. Churchill as president, C. P. Squires, vice president, F. S. Church-

ill, secretary, and A. T. Churchill, treasurer. The first two have now passed away and the personnel of the house has somewhat changed, A. T. Churchill having become president, F. S. Churchill, vice president, C. S. Hutchins, second vice president, Herman Bouquet, secretary, and F. L. Hastings, treasurer. The company are now doing business in a four-story brick building they recently erected, having a frontage of one hundred and twenty feet on Fourth street, and one hundred and seventeen feet on Market street. A branch house was started in Cedar Rapids in 1904, and A. T. Churchill is president of that company. They occupy a five-story brick building with a one hundred and twenty foot frontage on First street. Each year the business shows a satisfactory increase, and they now have the distinction of being one of the largest wholesale drug houses in the middle west, employing thirty-two traveling salesmen. They have never claimed philanthropic motives for their superior service, but have ever recognized the fact that close and prompt attention to the wishes of their patrons, fair prices and honorable dealing, always win success, and these qualities have continuously been employed in the house.

A. H. VORWERK, M. D.

Dr. A. H. Vorwerk, physician and surgeon of Burlington, is a native son of Des Moines county, born on the 21st of April, 1874. His father, Antone Vorwerk, was born at Kappeln, Emstek, Prussia, in 1826, and there spent the days of his boyhood and youth, coming to the United States when twenty-one years of age. In 1849 he arrived in Burlington and in this city was married to Clara Eversmann, who was born in Iburg, Germany, and arrived in Burlington in 1850. Their marriage was celebrated in St. Paul's Catholic church in October, 1853, and they became the parents of seven children who are yet living.

Dr. Vorwerk is the sixth of that family. He acquired his education in the public and parochial schools of Burlington and prepared for his professional career as a student in the medical department of the Iowa State University, in which he completed his course on the 17th of March, 1897, his M. D. degree being then conferred upon him. He located for practice at Bancroft, Iowa, where he remained until 1902, when he came to Burlington, where he has now practiced for more than twelve years.

On the 27th of July, 1904, Dr. Vorwerk was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn Winkel, a native of Bancroft, Iowa. They hold membership in St. Patrick's Catholic church and Dr. Vorwerk is also past worthy president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given the democratic party. Professionally he is connected with the Des Moines County Medical Society, being elected its president for the year 1915, and is a member of the Iowa State Medical Association. For several years he has been county physician, in which connection his professional service has given entire satisfaction. He has spent the greater part of his life in Des Moines county, has a wide acquaintance among its citizens and is held in high regard by many friends.

MARTIN MOEHN.

The name of Martin Moehn has long been well known in business circles of Burlington, where for many years he has been connected with brewing interests, being now president of the Moehn Brewing Company. He represents one of the old families of Burlington, his birth having here occurred in 1860. His parents were Henry and Moneka (Ill) Moehn, natives of Germany. They came to Burlington, however, in early life and were married in this city, where Henry Moehn continued his residence for more than a half century. In early life he learned the cooper's trade and after coming to Burlington established a small cooperage business. However, his trade increased as the years passed on until his establishment became a large and important one. He conducted his business interests wisely and well, and his indefatigable energy, close application and capable management won him a gratifying measure of prosperity. He and his family were communicants of the Catholic church but he had no fraternal relations. He was widely and favorably known among the German-American residents of the city and enjoyed in large measure their respect and goodwill. He was twice married and passed away in 1897, the city thus losing a pioneer resident who had long been identified with the upbuilding and progress of the county, having cooperated in many measures which have proven extremely beneficial in advancing the best interests of Burlington.

Martin Moehn spent his youthful days under the parental roof and in the acquirement of an education attended both the public and



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German schools and later the Bryant & Stratton Business College. On starting out in life on his own account he became connected with the grocery trade and also conducted a saloon. After four years he sold out to Barney Nieman and became interested in the bottling business, conducting a wholesale enterprise of that character for the old Bosch Brewery and also for other breweries. He purchased barrel goods and prepared it for the market by bottling. He was in business in connection with the old Western Brewery and later he turned his attention to the cooperage business, with which he had become familiar through assisting in his father's shop. He manufactured all kinds of wooden kegs, conducting business under the name of the Martin Moehn Cooperage for a year and a half. He then sold out and leased the Western Steam Brewery, which was one of the oldest business enterprises along the Burlington tracks, having been established more than six decades ago. For thirteen years Mr. Moehn successfully operated that plant but near the close of that period gave his attention to the building and equipment of the extensive brewery which he today owns and occupies. The Western Brewery was owned for many years by the Bosch family. While Mr. Moehn was yet successfully operating the plant known as the Moehn Western Brewery he formulated plans for erecting a new and strictly modern brewery that would have a capacity commensurate with the increasing demands of the trade. With that end in view he organized a company, which was capitalized for one hundred and ten thousand dollars, and the brewery and necessary buildings were erected at a cost approximating the capital stock. There is not a finer brewery in point of architecture in the country nor a plant more complete in every detail and appointment than the elegant structure of red brick which was erected by Mr. Moehn. From the organization of the Moehn Brewing Company under its present form Mr. Moehn has remained as the president, with Barney Nieman as vice president and John T. Beckman as secretary and treasurer. The annual output is thirty thousand barrels and employment is furnished to twenty men at the plant. The leading product is a brand called Moehn Select and the company conducts both a wholesale and family trade. The present brewery was opened to the public by a big reception held in the spring of 1904. The business has grown to extensive proportions and one of the profitable productive industries of the city is that of the Moehn Brewing Company.

Mr. Moehn was married on the 30th of May, 1882, in Burlington, to Miss Julia Schultz, a native of Germany, and they now have five children. The oldest son, George Moehn, attended successively

the high school of Burlington, the Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes and a business college, studying bookkeeping, stenography and type-writing, and he is now serving as bookkeeper in the brewery. Augusta is a high-school graduate. Martin, Bertha and Robert are the younger members of the family, all of whom are communicants of St. Paul's Catholic church.

Mr. Moehn votes with the democratic party and has membership with the Eagles. He has never sought nor desired political office, yet in matters of progressive citizenship he is interested and has contributed generously in support of many plans and measures for the public good. In business he has steadily worked his way upward and from a humble position has advanced step by step until he is now one of the wealthy residents of the city.

JOHN C. HOPPMAN.

John C. Hoppman is the secretary and treasurer of the Henry Drug Company of Burlington and as such is a most active figure in the commercial circles of the city. Thorough college training well qualified him for his present activities and laudable ambition has kept him at the front in the circles of trade in which he is now engaged.

He was born in Burlington, October 24, 1870, and is a son of Fred W. and Christina (Von Nordheim) Hoppman, both of whom were natives of Prussia. The paternal grandfather was Lawrence Hoppman, who became the founder of the family in the new world, coming to the United States about 1851 with his wife and children. Having arrived at years of maturity Fred W. Hoppman was united in marriage to Miss Christina Von Nordheim, also a native of Germany, who was brought to the new world in her early girlhood. Mr. Hoppman was a contractor and builder and for an extended period was identified with the substantial improvement of this city but is now living retired. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church.

John C. Hoppman acquired his education in St. John's parochial school and starting out in the business world on his own account, was for three years employed in a drug store. Realizing, however, the benefits of thorough training in this direction, he entered the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1891. Returning to Burlington, he entered the employ of George C. Henry in

one of the leading drug stores of the city and that he won favor with his employer is indicated in the fact that he was admitted to a partnership in 1904, at which date the Henry Drug Company was incorporated with George C. Henry, a well known Burlington capitalist, as president; E. S. Henry as vice president; and J. C. Hoppman as secretary and treasurer. This company succeeded to the business of George C. Henry, who established a drug store in Burlington in 1896 at the corner of Jefferson and Fourth streets, with a frontage of forty feet, occupying one floor and basement. There he conducted a general drug business with a well appointed soda fountain as one feature of the trade. This business was taken over by the Henry Drug Company upon its incorporation.

On the 28th of October, 1907, Mr. Hoppman was united in marriage to Miss Mayme C. Kelly, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Kelly, of Burlington, her father being engaged in the insurance business in this city. Mr. Hoppman holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has always adhered to the religious faith in which he was reared, being a Catholic. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he ever loyally supports its men and measures although he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which are of growing importance. He is now active in the management of one of the leading mercantile establishments of the city and its success in recent years is attributable largely to his efforts.

HON. EDWARD MCKITTERICK.

In his long and active career the Hon. Edward McKitterick was not only interested in a number of important business enterprises of Burlington but in the later years of his life he successfully served as deputy auditor of the treasury department in Washington, acting in that capacity until death called him September 30, 1903, in his seventy-third year. Mr. McKitterick was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1830, his parents being John and Maria (Jones) McKitterick. The father was an agriculturist by occupation and his son Edward was reared upon the home farm. He received a liberal education in his native country but in 1844, at the age of fourteen years, came to the United States to join relatives who resided in Chillicothe,

Ohio. Shortly after his arrival in that city he accepted a position as clerk in a china store, which he held for some time.

In 1854 Mr. McKitterick removed to Burlington, Iowa, and opened the first porcelain ware establishment in this city, having for a partner a Mr. Miller. The firm thus continued until 1867, when J. C. McKell acquired Mr. Miller's interest. A few years later, however, Mr. McKell retired. Mr. McKitterick was for many years one of the successful merchants of Burlington and enjoyed an extensive patronage. He had various other interests and was conceded to be one of the foremost business men of Burlington. He was one of the founders of the Merchants National Bank, of which he served for about seven years as cashier. He also acted at one time as receiver for the Burlington & Southwestern Railway and showed great business judgment in settling the affairs of this company. He was one of the incorporators and for many years an officer of the German-American Life Insurance Company of Burlington and had other financial and commercial interests. His advice was frequently sought by people in many walks of life and was often found to be of great value to those who faced a difficult business situation. In 1896 Mr. McKitterick accepted the appointment of deputy auditor of the treasury department at Washington, D. C., and acted in that capacity until his death. He was considered a most able official and in the discharge of his duties earned the highest commendation from the officers of that department.

Mr. McKitterick was twice married, his first union being with Mary Creighton Massie, whom he wedded August 27, 1850. Their children were William, Alice, John, Nathaniel, Maria, Mary and Belinda. After the death of his first wife Mr. McKitterick married her sister, Miss Sarah B. Massie, and to them were born three sons: Edward, Leonard and Thomas. Mrs. McKitterick survives her husband and makes her home at No. 812 North Seventh street, Burlington. She has a large circle of friends who greatly admire her as a woman of culture and refinement.

It seems almost superfluous to mention that the activities of Mr. McKitterick had an important bearing upon the development of Burlington and affected not only the business growth of the city but the political, social and religious relations of its people. His early political allegiance was given to the democratic party and later, owing to a change of his views on the tariff question, he became a republican and loyally adhered to that party until his demise. He was well known in Masonic circles as an exemplary member of Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M. The public-school system found in him

a stalwart champion and earnest friend. He was president of the school board for three terms or six years and was the main factor in securing the first high school of Burlington and laid the cornerstone at the time of the erection of the old high school on West Hill. He was looked upon as the best friend of the public-school system of Burlington and, while he held high ideals in that connection, he used the most practical methods to secure their adoption. An earnest Christian man, he held membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church for many years, served on its official board and for an extended period was superintendent of its Sunday school. To know him was to esteem and honor him. His life long counted as a factor for good in the community in which he lived, and the beauty and nobility of his character causes his memory to remain as an inspiration and a benediction to those with whom he came in contact.

GEORGE H. WASHBURN.

George H. Washburn, an architect of Burlington, practicing his profession in this city since 1898, was here born on the 14th of June, 1862, and is the son of Robert M. and Mary F. (Field) Washburn. The father's birth occurred in West Newton, Massachusetts, in 1832, and he was a son of Charles Washburn, a native of the old Bay state, and of Scotch-English descent. Robert M. Washburn came to Burlington in October, 1855, attracted by the advantages and opportunities of this growing western city. He became an active factor in its business circles, engaging in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, etc., on north Main street, his being one of the important early industrial enterprises of eastern Iowa. Later he turned his attention to merchandising as a dealer in furs, hats, caps and gents' furnishings, and still further extended the scope of his interests by becoming manager of the Grand Opera House, in which connection he continued until his death, on the 13th of April, 1891. He was also appointed United States liquor gauger under President Grant, acting in that capacity until the change in the law, which terminated the office. Mr. Washburn, in addition to the things above mentioned, compiled and caused to be published "The People's Library," a volume of a scientific and historical nature. He was the inventor and had patented several articles and machines of more or less importance. Fraternally he was connected with the Knights of Pythias and such was his social nature that it won for him many

warm and honored friends. His wife was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, on the 1st of May, 1836, and was the oldest daughter of Joseph B. and Sarah Adams (Gibbs) Field. Her father brought his family to Burlington in October, 1855, and was engaged as clerk and bookkeeper in the banking business of Green, Thomas & Company until 1866, when he removed to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he was chosen cashier in a bank. On the 9th of July, 1857, Robert M. Washburn married Mary F. Field. The ceremony was performed at the Episcopal church in Burlington by the Rev. Frank Haff, D. D. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Washburn were the parents of three children: George H.; Nellie M., who married C. H. McLaury, of Burlington; and Charles F.

Mr. George H. Washburn, a native of Iowa and of the city of Burlington, obtained his education in the public schools. His ambition was to become an architect, and to do so, March 1, 1881, he entered the office of C. A. Dunham of Burlington, of whom it can be said that no one in the west stood higher, or enjoyed a greater reputation as an architect. Under the direction of Mr. Dunham, Mr. Washburn began the study of the art of building in accord with such designs as show harmony, beauty and strength. Steadily he advanced in skill and efficiency, acquainting himself with all the scientific principles and every practical phase of the business. In August, 1898, he opened an office on his own account and is today one of the skilled, well known, popular, and successful architects of Burlington. He has designed many of the best homes of the city, also the buildings at the county farm, the infirmary and asylum for the insane, which are considered models of their character. His work shows comfort, utility, and beauty in a pleasing whole, and such is his knowledge and experience that he is largely regarded as an authority upon many questions relating to his profession in this part of the state.

On the 4th of September, 1889, Mr. Washburn was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Miller, and they have become the parents of two sons: Fredric A. and Robert M., both of whom are married and reside in Burlington. Mr. Washburn is an Elk, identified with the order since 1904. He is now secretary of the Burlington Launch Club, and a member of the Hawkeye Natives, formed of native sons of the state. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church, and his political belief that of the republican party. He stands as a splendid example of American manhood and chivalry. Opportunity has been to him the open door to success, and energy and determination have enabled him to overcome all obstacles and

difficulties and advance steadily toward his cherished goal. He has never concentrated his attention so largely upon his business affairs as to exclude active participation in other interests, and the social, genial qualities of his nature have rendered him popular with a large circle of friends.

FRANK LAWLOR.

Frank Lawlor has through an extended period been manager and superintendent of the Citizens Water Company, in which connection his efforts have been highly satisfactory and valuable. Thorough and liberal training in the profession of civil engineering and later experience along practical business lines of that character well qualified him for the position when he entered upon his present connection in 1903. He was born in St. John, New Brunswick, in 1857, a son of James J. and Mary (Ford) Lawlor. The father was a watch-maker and jeweler and long continued in business.

The son entered the employ of the engineering department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway in 1880 and in 1883 was transferred to Burlington, where he remained nearly seven years. In 1889 he left this city and went to South America, where he followed the profession of civil engineering, having already qualified for the profession by his previous study and practical training. Later he returned to Canada but again came to Burlington in 1903. He had previously been with the department of railways and canals in Canada, on the St. Lawrence river, but feeling that his business opportunities were superior in this city, he returned and accepted the position of superintendent of the Citizens Water Company and has since been in charge of the plant. The Burlington Water Company was incorporated July 13, 1870, and the first stockholders were P. Henry Smythe, Mark S. Foote, F. G. Kendall, J. C. Peasley, Lyman Cook, George C. Lauman, D. W. Ewing, John G. Foote, John H. Gear, J. Morton, Charles Mason, Charles O'Brien, T. W. Barhydt, S. Long, T. W. Newman, E. Chamberlain and Richard Spencer. The franchise of the company expired in 1902 and in October of that year the Citizens Water Company was organized to take over the property and business of the first company. The plant has been enlarged and the business increased to meet the demands of the growing city, and under the direction of Mr. Lawlor the com-

pany gives adequate service in furnishing a supply of pure water for city consumption.

On the 17th of January, 1900, Mr. Lawlor was united in marriage to Miss Lila W. Foote, of Burlington, a daughter of Mark S. Foote, and they have one child, Mary Josephine. They hold membership in St. Paul's Catholic church and Mr. Lawlor is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a republican but not an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He belongs to the Commercial Club and his deep interest in his profession and in the line of work to which he is now directing his energies is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Illinois Water Supply Association, the American Waterworks Association, the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He has made steady advancement in his chosen calling and his broad scientific knowledge and practical experience have placed him in a most creditable position in the ranks of the profession.

CASPER HEIL.

Burlington is one of the brewing centers of the Mississippi valley and in connection with that line of business Casper Heil is well known, having in 1872 established the business under the name of the Casper Heil Brewing Company at No. 865 Jefferson street. He still remains in connection with the business although he has now passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey.

He was born in Germany on the 7th of December, 1830, and spent the period of his minority in his native land. Thinking to have better business opportunities in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, where he arrived on the 12th of June, 1852, and after spending a brief period in the east he came to Burlington on the 10th of August of the same year. He was a cooper by trade and for several years conducted a shop, manufacturing barrels of all kinds. In 1865 he removed to Des Moines, where he purchased a brewery, which he conducted until 1872. He then returned to Burlington and bought the Bauer & Schafner Brewery, which he has since conducted. The business was reorganized under the name of the Casper Heil Brewing Company. The plant, located at No. 865 Jefferson street, occupies an area of one hundred and fifty-two by one hundred and twenty-two feet and the buildings are from one to



CASPER HEIL

six stories in height. He has remodeled and equipped the plant until it is a first class establishment of its kind and he employs twenty people on an average. The plant now has a capacity of ten thousand barrels annually and he manufactures Heil's Extra, which is bottled. He buys his malt from Davenport and from Wisconsin and he has spared no pains nor effort to make the product an excellent one. The present officers of the company are: Casper Heil, president; Oscar Heil, vice president; and H. A. Heil, secretary and treasurer.

On March 19, 1861, Mr. Heil was united in marriage to Miss Susan Ziegenhein, a native of Burlington, born in April, 1842, and a daughter of Theodore Ziegenhein, a native of Germany, who came to the United States in 1840, casting in his lot among the pioneer settlers of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Heil have become the parents of the following children: William, now residing in St. Louis; Mrs. Herman A. Mathes, deceased; Ida, who became the wife of H. A. Mathes after the death of her sister; Mollie and Nettie, both at home; Oscar, who is vice president of the Casper Heil Brewing Company; and H. A., who is the secretary and treasurer of the company. The last named wedded Miss Adell Kennedy, of Fort Madison, and they have two children, Susan and Mary.

Oscar and H. A. Heil hold membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Mr. Heil of this review is a member of the Commercial Club. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and although he never seeks nor desires office he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the business opportunities which he sought and which, by the way, are always open to determined, ambitious young men.

CHARLES H. TAEGER.

Charles H. Taeger was a widely known and popular citizen of Burlington, in which city his birth occurred. He continued his residence here and steadily worked his way upward in business until, notwithstanding the fact that he started out in life without financial assistance, he became the possessor of a handsome competence.

Mr. Taeger was born October 31, 1862. He was fortunate in that he had back of him an ancestry honorable and able and was

happy in the fact that his life was cast in harmony therewith. His parents were Henry and Mary (Poggemen) Taeger, natives of Germany. The father, born in 1826, came to America in early life and was employed on various farms for a time, after which he secured a position in the National State Bank of Burlington, in which he remained for many years. He served in the German army before coming to the United States. He made a most creditable name in business circles and enjoyed the confidence and high regard of colleagues and contemporaries. He is now living retired at No. 714 Ninth street and is still active and well preserved in spite of his eighty-eight years. He keeps in touch with the progress of the times and is interested in all daily occurrences and events. His wife, who was born in 1834, passed away about twenty years ago. Her father was a well known character of the early days here and was one of the first teachers in a private school in this vicinity. He was widely recognized as a man of liberal education, was a fluent speaker and was most highly respected by all with whom he came in contact.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taeger were born two children. Mary became the wife of Herman Suesens, who passed away about twenty years ago, and she now lives with her father. She has a family of five children. Alfred, who is in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, married Naomi Schontz, by whom he has one son, John, and they reside in St. Joseph, Missouri. Josephine Suesens is at home. Benjamin, of Burlington, married Miss Bessie Kiesling and they have a son, Charles Frederick. Mayme, a graduate of the Burlington high school and the State Normal, is a successful teacher in the Prospect Hill school. John, like the other members of the Suesens family, is a high-school graduate. He now lives in Fort Madison and has entire control of the telephone lines there, a very responsible position for one so young.

Charles H. Taeger, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taeger, was educated in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until graduated from the Burlington high school. He afterward pursued a course in the business college of Burlington and studied music under Professor Shilling. He first entered business circles in the employ of the firm of Dalahaye & Purdy, wholesale liquor merchants, with whom he remained for several years. He next secured a clerkship in the Herman shoe store and afterward occupied a clerical position in the office of the Murray Iron Works. He afterward returned to the liquor business, becoming a wholesale dealer in wines and other liquors, and in that business he continued until he was called to his final rest.

On the 6th of July, 1883, Mr. Taeger was united in marriage to Miss Amelia M. Bokenkamp, who was born in Burlington, March 14, 1866, a daughter of Richard and Fredericka (Forthman) Bokenkamp. Her father was born in Germany and in early childhood became a resident of St. Louis, whence he made his way to Burlington. For many years he conducted business as an architect and contractor and made for himself a creditable place as a representative of industrial interests in this city. He died of apoplexy in 1882 and was laid to rest in the Aspen Grove cemetery. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party but he was not an office seeker. Fraternally he was connected with the Odd Fellows. His wife, also a native of Germany, came to America when fourteen years of age and passed away on the 3d of July, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Bokenkamp had a large family, of whom six are yet living: Augusta, the wife of John Roth, living on the Fort Madison road in Burlington; Henry, of this city; Mrs. Taeger; Albert, also of Burlington; William, living in Muscatine, Iowa; and Frank, of Chicago. The Bokenkamps were members of the Evangelical church, to which the family of Henry Taeger also belonged.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taeger were born three children, all natives of Burlington. Gertrude is the wife of Frederick Schramm and they live with her mother. Mr. Schramm is a son of Arthur Schramm, proprietor of a shoe store in Burlington. Frederick Schramm is a graduate of the Burlington high school and to him and his wife has been born a daughter, Lucia Elizabeth. Raymond H. Taeger married Miss Jessie Wilcox and they have a daughter, Mary Jane. Salina, born in 1886, died the same year.

The death of Mr. Taeger occurred March 29, 1906, and was a matter of deep and sincere regret to many friends as well as to the immediate family. He belonged to the Eagle Club and to the Lone Tree and Crystal Lake Fishing clubs and he was also connected with the Knights of Pythias. In politics his leaning was toward the democratic party but he frequently cast an independent ballot, desiring that the best men should occupy the public offices. He was broad-minded, liberal and very progressive. He met a tragic death, being struck by the cars, and the news of his demise came as a shock to all. He was very popular, easily winning friends. Although his parents were quite wealthy, he did not depend upon his father for financial aid in his business career and steadily worked his way upward, assisted by his wife, who has the true German thrift and enterprise, displaying at all times careful management in her house-

hold affairs. Mrs. Taeger and her family reside at No. 613 Garfield avenue in the beautiful home which her husband purchased from Mr. Wundt and remodeled. She and her children are devoted members of St. Luke's church and contribute generously to the church work and to many charitable and benevolent projects.

W. A. MATHES.

W. A. Mathes is a partner of F. L. Unterkircher in the undertaking and livery business which, however, is conducted under the firm style of F. L. & G. L. Unterkircher, livery and funeral directors. As junior partner in the business Mr. Mathes is active in directing its interests and furthering the success which has constantly attended the enterprise, which was established more than half a century ago.

Mr. Mathes is one of Burlington's native sons. He was born September 8, 1883, and was educated in the public schools and also in Elliott's Business College, in which he pursued a commercial course. Early in his business career he was connected with the wholesale grocery house of Bikler & Winzer for twelve years, his capability and trustworthiness causing him to be retained in that employ for an extended period. Upon the death of his father-in-law, G. L. Unterkircher, however, he succeeded him in the livery and undertaking business, which is carried on under the firm style of F. L. & G. L. Unterkircher. The business was founded fifty years ago by P. F. Unterkircher, the father of the senior partner, and when he admitted his sons to a partnership the firm name of P. F. Unterkircher & Sons was assumed. The business was conducted under that style until 1893, when, the sons having taken over the business, the present name of F. L. & G. L. Unterkircher was assumed. About three years ago, however, G. L. Unterkircher passed away and W. A. Mathes became his successor in the ownership and conduct of the business. They have one of the largest concerns of the kind in the state. They own a three-story brick block one hundred by one hundred and twenty-five feet, occupying the entire building in the conduct of the business. They have an elegantly appointed chapel and carry a full line of undertaking supplies. Their patronage is extensive and their success is well merited because of their thoroughly reliable and honorable business methods.

On the 30th of April, 1907, Mr. Mathes was united in marriage to Miss Grace Unterkircher, who was educated in the schools of Burlington and also pursued a special course in Mount St. Joseph's school at Dubuque. Mr. Mathes is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Elks, the Eagles, the Woodmen of the World and the Moose. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Carthage Lake Fishing Club and the Pinkem Fishing Club. He is recognized as an enterprising and progressive business man, as a public-spirited citizen and as one whose attractive social qualities are the secret of his widespread popularity.

T. F. COOKE, D. D. S.

Among the members of the dental profession in Burlington whose ability is attested by a liberal practice is Dr. T. F. Cooke. He was born in Amherst, Wisconsin, June 5, 1871, a son of William and Susanna (Harvey) Cooke, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a Methodist minister and devoted his entire life to the work of preaching the gospel. Both he and his wife were natives of the north of Ireland and came to the United States in April, 1870, taking up their abode in Wisconsin. In the years that followed the Rev. William Cooke was connected with the Methodist ministry in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota and was numbered among the pioneer preachers of that denomination in the latter state. In the family were ten children, seven of whom are yet living.

In the acquirement of his education Dr. Cooke passed through consecutive grades in the public schools until he became a high-school pupil and later he continued his education in the Lawrence College of Wisconsin and in the Hamline University of Minnesota, thus completing his more specifically literary course. In preparation for a professional career he entered the University of Minnesota as a dental student and is numbered among its alumni of 1897. For two years thereafter he practiced in Plainview, Minnesota, and then removed to Dickinson, North Dakota, where he remained for two years. The succeeding five years were spent in Mediapolis, Iowa, and then, seeking a still broader field of labor, he came to Burlington in the fall of 1906. In the intervening period of eight years he has steadily advanced in his chosen calling and has kept in

close touch with the improvements which modern scientific investigation has brought to light. He is a member of the Burlington District Dental Society and of the Iowa State Dental Society and for two years served as secretary of the society. He is now a member of the state board of dental examiners.

In 1898 Dr. Cooke was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Anderson, of Reeds, Minnesota, and they have two children, Donald E. and Dorothy. Dr. Cooke is a member of the Delta Sigma Delta, a college fraternity. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and gives his political allegiance to the prohibition party, keeping at all times well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. He has never sought nor desired office, however, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties.

CHARLES KOESTNER.

Charles Koestner is a retired farmer living on Madison avenue in Burlington and there are in his life record many elements worthy of consideration and of emulation so that he well deserves a place in the history of Des Moines county. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 24, 1839, a son of John and Kundigunde (Barnigel) Koestner. The father's birth occurred in Bavaria, December 18, 1803, in the same house where his son Charles was born. He was reared to farm life and acquired a public-school education. In 1832 he married and he and his wife began their domestic life in their native land, remaining there for twenty-three years after their marriage, during which time seven children were added to the family. Crossing the Atlantic in 1855, they landed at New Orleans and thence proceeded up the Mississippi to Burlington. They settled in Burlington township in the immediate neighborhood of the present home of Charles Koestner and in that locality the father spent his remaining days. He was engaged in general farming for a number of years and passed away in May, 1873. His wife, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 10, 1810, was a daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth Barnigel. She died in April, 1882, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Catholic cemetery on North Hill. They were devoted members of St. John's church and Mr. Koestner gave his political allegiance to the democratic party.

In the family were seven children: George, who died at the age of thirty-three years; Charles; Margaret, who became the wife of John Hoffmann and died at her home in New York at the age of fifty-two years; Anna, who became the wife of Henry Eversman, but both are now deceased; Sister Mary Bathilda, who was a sister superior and died in Mankato, Minnesota, in 1896; Catherine, who died at the age of fifteen years; and John, who has also passed away.

Charles Koestner was educated in the schools of Germany and of America, being a youth of sixteen years at the time of the emigration to the new world. He supplemented his public-school course in Burlington by study in Elliott's Business College. He was reared to manhood on the home farm in Burlington township and also aided his father in the work of the fields, continuing to take part in the further development and cultivation of the home place until August 24, 1866, when he was married to Miss Philomena Gebhardt, who was born in Burlington, September 16, 1846, a daughter of John and Ludivica (Willem) Gebhardt, natives of Germany and France respectively. The parents and grandparents of Mrs. Koestner were among the earliest settlers of Des Moines county, arriving here in the early '30s. All have now passed away, their graves being found in the Sixth street cemetery. Mrs. Koestner died November 2, 1885, leaving six children. She was a devoted member of St. John's Catholic church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Koestner were born the following children: Henry C., born in Burlington in 1867, is a farmer and dairyman, conducting a successful and profitable business along sanitary lines. He married Sophia Brune and they have three daughters, Philomena, Bathilda and Katherine, all at home. George J., the second member of the Koestner family, was born in Burlington in 1868 and lives a half mile south of his father on Madison avenue. He wedded Mary Vorwerk, a native of Burlington, and they have seven children, Ralph, Herbert, Henrietta, Minnie, Mary, George and Genevieve. Francis Joseph, born on the Mason farm on the Mason road in 1870, owns and occupies a farm just outside the city limits and is also engaged in the dairy business. He wedded Mary Kuntz, a native of Des Moines county, and their children are Bertha, Harry, Rosa, Clara, Sophia and Francis who passed away in infancy, and Ruth. Andrew J., born on the Mason farm in 1875 and living on the northwest corner of his father's farm, married Miss Minnie Meunzenmeier and they have three children, Margaret, Gertrude and Andrew. Annie Ludivica, born July 18, 1876, remained single and at home until her death July 24, 1913, the consolation and com-

fort of her aged father. Carl E., born in 1884 and now living upon a part of his father's farm, married Miss Ida Shulte and they have four children, Burnett, Annie, Edward and Robert.

Having lost his first wife, Mr. Koestner was married March 3, 1887, to Miss Elizabeth Hoelscher, who was born in Burlington township on her father's farm within a half mile of her present home, January 22, 1847, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Hoss) Hoelscher. The parents were natives of Germany and in early life came to the United States. Both have now passed away. They had six children: Catherine, the deceased wife of M. J. Gutekunst, of Burlington; Mary, the wife of John Keitzer, a farmer living on Augusta road; Henry, who made his home in Keokuk county but is now deceased; John, who has also passed away in Keokuk county; Mrs. Koestner; Christina, who is still living upon the old home place of her father.

Following his first marriage Mr. Koestner removed to Burlington, where he engaged in clerking in the general store of J. W. Rhodes for four years and three months, but, although he had a good salary, he found it difficult to save much and in 1869 he removed to the Mason farm of three hundred acres on the Mason road, for which he paid a rental of one thousand dollars per year. He thereon resided for twenty-three years, after which he removed to the Greenleaf Neally farm, known as the Greenleaf Fruit Farm, just outside the city limits of Burlington. He purchased this place in 1891 and he also bought the place where his son Carl now resides. His own home stands on a plat of some six acres. He has a beautiful house and grounds and has added to his place all modern improvements, building corn cribs, a granary, chicken houses and a tool house. He has also remodeled his residence and has built a barn for his son. In addition to his home property he has three residences in the city of Burlington, which he rents, and owns besides about four hundred acres of land close to his home, all good fruit bearing land. He energetically and successfully carried on farming until 1909, winning a substantial measure of success. He then retired and his son Carl took up the management of the farm.

In politics Mr. Koestner is a democrat, although he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has served as township trustee, has filled the office of school director for many years and was at one time a nominee for state senator. He is one of the most active workers and generous supporters of St. John's Catholic church, and his sons and their families are also communicants thereof. He is a broad-minded, well read man, and in business he has displayed keen

sagacity and insight. His wife is a devoted member of the German Evangelical church and a lady of many excellent traits of character. When twenty-one years of age, Mr. Koestner was a poor man practically empty-handed. His parents gave him his clothing and one hundred dollars wages per annum, and he had eight hundred dollars, including the interest on his savings, when he started out for himself. By hard work and economy he has accumulated a very comfortable competence and is now accounted one of the substantial farmers of the county. A contemporary biographer, writing of him, said:

"Charles Koestner is a notable representative of an old German family and has manifested in the course of an active and interesting career many of the most interesting traits of his race and blood—those traits that have made the German-American citizen of this country so highly honored as an acquisition to the nation. He has been industrious to a marked degree and has never shown any disposition to shirk hard work or avoid his full share of the labor to be done. He has kept his word and his pledge has been like a bond. For twenty-three years he leased the Mason farm, paying one thousand dollars annually, and during that time he was never required to sign a lease. Kind to the poor, and with an ear always open to the cry of the needy, he has ever been a good neighbor, generous friend and an upright citizen. He has been a kind husband and a loving father, giving his children the best of advantages in starting them in life for themselves, as well as giving them that best of heritages, a home training that made strict integrity and upright morals the things of greatest value in their estimation. These are the virtues that belong to the German blood, and these characterize the career of the man whose life deeds and achievements are the subject of this biographical history."

WILLIAM H. DEBENHAM.

Every citizen of Burlington is proud of its Young Men's Christian Association, which has been greatly advanced through the efforts and ability of its general secretary, William H. Debenham. He has been a close student of every question connected with the work and the possibilities and opportunities that continually open up in this connection and there is no phase of helpful work for boys and men in the field of physical, mental and moral development that is not stimulated here. He was born in Morrison, Grundy county,

Iowa, January 23, 1880, and is a son of William and Martha (Hunting) Debenham. The father followed farming in early life but afterward was connected with business interests in Everly, Iowa, and at the present time is living retired, making his home in Arapahoe, Nebraska.

The son, William H. Debenham, acquired a public-school education in Everly and later attended Morningside College of Sioux City, from which he was graduated in June, 1905, winning the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He has always devoted his life to the practical phases of Christian work pertaining to the guidance of boys and young men. He spent three years as assistant secretary, as membership secretary and as boys' secretary in Young Men's Christian Association work at Ottumwa, Iowa, and on the 1st of May, 1908, came to Burlington and entered upon the duties of general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in this city. Under his guidance the work has been steadily carried forward along lines of substantial and helpful growth, ever broadening in its influence and in the range of its activities.

Mr. Debenham has been a most active factor in bringing about the erection of the new Young Men's Christian Association building, starting to raise the money in November, 1910. The work was vigorously and earnestly prosecuted until the Young Men's Christian Association building stood as a complete structure on the 1st of December, 1912, the building and grounds representing an investment of ninety thousand dollars, upon which there is no indebtedness. The building is thoroughly modern in every way. There is both a boys' and men's division. The membership is divided into five sections; for boys ranging from twelve to fourteen years; for boys ranging from fifteen to seventeen years; the senior membership from eighteen years up; a sustaining and business men's membership; and a limited and educational membership. In the new building the men's division contains a general lobby, reading room, game room and billiard and pool room. In the boys' division there is a general lobby, reading room, game room, a cozy corner and fireplace. There is a splendidly equipped gymnasium forty-four by seventy feet, large, perfectly lighted and ventilated, and equipped with new and modern apparatus. Various classes are conducted in connection with the gymnasium work. There is also an auxiliary gymnasium, a hand ball court, a running track, class and club rooms, an assembly room, dormitories and a swimming pool. The activities of the association include lectures and practical talks on science, civics, literature, art and travel. Several clubs have been formed in

the organization, religious meetings are held and several courses in Bible study have been instituted. There are various receptions and social gatherings and summer entertainment is provided in camps and hikes. In connection the association has an employment bureau and a boarding house and rooming register. In a word, it seems to touch every phase of life that has to do with the boy and young man in the line of assistance for his material, intellectual and moral needs. There is now a membership of nine hundred and the Young Men's Christian Association is certainly one of the splendid and valuable institutions of Burlington.

On the 12th of September, 1906, Mr. Debenham was united in marriage to Miss Eva C. Erskine, of Highmore, South Dakota, who is a graduate of Morningside College of Sioux City. They have three children, Elizabeth, Roger and William Stuart. The parents are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Debenham gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Along recreative lines he is connected with the Burlington Launch Club and with the Tennis Club. The splendid work that he is doing is widely recognized. It would be tautological in this connection to say that he is a man of broad humanitarian principles and deep human sympathy. He has a quick and ready understanding, tact and an infinite amount of patience and good nature, and all who meet him recognize the strong spirit of friendship and helpfulness which dominates his life.

GEORGE W. SLINGLUFF, D. D. S.

Dr. George W. Slingluff, who was honored with the presidency of the Iowa State Dental Society in 1913 and is recognized as one of the most eminent members of the profession in Burlington, his native city, was born August 22, 1871, a son of James Henry and Sarah Alice (Brown) Slingluff. The father was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the mother's birth occurred in Winnebago, Iowa. The paternal grandfather was C. J. Slingluff, who, leaving his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, made his way down the Ohio river by boat and up the Mississippi, bringing his family to Burlington about 1855. His son, James H. Slingluff, became a railway conductor and later took up the business of a decorator and paper hanger, being thus identified with the industrial interests of Burlington at the time of his death, which occurred June 9, 1904. His widow survives and makes her home in this city.

After acquiring his education in the public and high schools of Burlington Dr. Slingluff entered the employ of the Iowa Grain & Produce Company, remaining with them nine years. He then qualified for his profession in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, in which he completed his course with the class of 1900. He has since practiced in Burlington and through the intervening period has made continuous advancement along professional lines. His broadening experience has advanced his skill and given him that assurance and certainty which are so necessary as factors in accurate work. His office is one of the most modern and is equipped with the latest appliances to facilitate his practice. He is a member of the Des Moines County Dental Society, the Southeastern Iowa Dental Society, the Iowa State Dental Society, the National Dental Society and the Chicago Dental Society. He has been honored with office in the state organization, serving as its treasurer from 1907 until 1911, while in 1913 he was elected its president. He is a member of the executive committee of the Panama-Pacific Dental Congress, which convenes in San Francisco, California, in August, 1915, and is taking an active part in formulating plans for the meeting, which will be of the greatest possible benefit to the profession, disseminating knowledge that will receive contribution from representatives of the profession from all parts of the world. He has also been secretary and treasurer of the Des Moines County Dental Society for two years, secretary and treasurer of the Iowa Inlay Study Club for four years, and secretary of the Southeastern Iowa Dental Society for four years.

Dr. Slingluff's membership connections outside the strict path of his profession have also covered a wide range. He is a member of the Kappa chapter of the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity, and organizer and first grand master of the Iowa Alumni chapter of the Psi Omega Fraternity in the state of Iowa. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree. He is a past noble grand in the Odd Fellows lodge and also is a member of the Rebekahs. He belongs to the Moose, is a charter member of the Woodmen of the World of Burlington, was a member of the old B. B. A. before its disbandment and is now an active member of the Burlington Golf Club.

On the 9th of July, 1901, Dr. Slingluff was united in marriage to Miss Luella Dryden, of Burlington, who died in April, 1902. For his second wife Dr. Slingluff chose Miss Julia Crawford, of Burlington, whom he wedded on the 20th of February, 1907. Mrs. Slingluff is a lady of broad culture, is interested in the civic and social life of

Burlington, is a member of the Shakespeare Club, King's Daughters and also the Golf Club.

Dr. and Mrs. Slingluff are much interested in religious work, being active members of the First Presbyterian church, of which Dr. Slingluff is an elder, while for the past fifteen years he has been treasurer of the Sunday school. His influence is always on the side of progress and improvement, of advancement, truth and justice and wherever known he is held in high esteem and most of all where he is best known. His acquaintance throughout the state and in Burlington is very wide and he occupies a central place upon the stage of dental activity in Iowa, working his way steadily upward in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and skill.

SAM WADLEIGH.

Sam Wadleigh is now living a retired life in Burlington and in preparing this history we present to our readers the record of one who long occupied a creditable position in business circles and who throughout the period of his residence here has ever merited the confidence and goodwill of all who know him. He has displayed many sterling qualities of manhood and citizenship and at the same time has lived a quiet and unassuming life, being entirely free from ostentation and display. At the present he occupies one of the beautiful old homes of the city. He was born at Compton, in the province of Quebec, Canada, June 8, 1833, a son of Luke and Phoebe (Rowell) Wadleigh, who were natives of Hatley, Quebec. His grandfather was Ephraim Wadleigh, a native of New Hampshire, and his great-grandfather was Thomas Wadleigh. The last named participated in the French and Indian war and returned from his last campaign in 1759. His children were Benjamin, Jonathan, Joseph, Thomas, John, Judith, Betsey, Moses, Aaron, Ephraim, Henry and Susanna.

Of this family Ephraim Wadleigh was born in Sutton, New Hampshire, March 8, 1770. He was five years of age when the battle of Lexington was fought and the first blood was shed in the Revolutionary war. In 1800 he went to Canada, where he secured a claim at a time when the province of Quebec was giving land free to those who would settle thereon. He made farming his life work and died in the year 1852. His family numbered four sons and four

daughters: Samuel, Taylor, Thomas, Luke, Betsey, Mary, Roxanna and Ruth.

Of this family of eight children Luke Wadleigh was the youngest. Like the other sons, he went to work upon the farm at a very early age. He continued his residence in Canada until 1856, when he removed to Oquawka, Illinois, where his death occurred in 1886 when he was seventy-six years of age. His wife passed away there in 1895 at the advanced age of eighty-six years. In their family were four children: Sam; Mrs. Mary Chapin, now deceased; Mrs. Lydia Blandon, of Blandinsville, Illinois; and Jennie, who died in 1885.

Sam Wadleigh, whose name introduces this record, acquired his education in the common schools and in the Charleston Academy of Hatley. When eighteen years of age he entered the employ of the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad, spending four years in that connection. He was twenty-two years of age when he became a resident of Oquawka, Illinois, where he engaged in the lumber business, in which he remained for five years. He also conducted business as a dealer in wood. In 1878 he came to Burlington and the following year entered into partnership with Colonel W. G. Cummins for the conduct of a general fuel business. After eight years the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Wadleigh organized the Wadleigh Fuel Company, conducting business under that name until he sold out and retired in 1910. He was most active throughout the period of his connection with business and to his diligence he added determination and perseverance.

In 1857 occurred the marriage of Mr. Wadleigh and Miss Mary A. Phelps, who was born in Oquawka, Illinois, where their marriage was celebrated. She died in 1860 and the two children of that union passed away in childhood. In 1862 Mr. Wadleigh wedded Miss Ella F. Bradbury, who died in February, 1911. They were the parents of three children: Mary A., the wife of Robert Moir, of Burlington; Mabel, who became the wife of O. H. Penick and died in May, 1902; and Roy, who died in infancy in 1880. The daughter, Mrs. Moir, has two children, Marjorie and Rosemary. Mrs. Penick had one daughter, Mildred, who was adopted by her grandfather, Mr. Wadleigh, upon her mother's death in 1902. His two eldest grandchildren are being educated in the Mrs. Dow's school, Briar Cliff Manor, thirty miles north of New York city on the Hudson river.

Politically Mr. Wadleigh is a democrat, having supported the party since he became a naturalized citizen of the United States in

1863. He has always enjoyed an enviable reputation as a business man and as a dealer in fuel for more than thirty years he was spoken of as one who gave good weight and measure and was thoroughly reliable in his business transactions. He ever regarded his grandfather, Ephraim Wadleigh, as a model. When the grandfather passed away in Canada in 1852 his sons had inscribed upon his tombstone: "If an honest man is the noblest work of God, then Ephraim Wadleigh was truly noble." When eighteen years of age Mr. Wadleigh of this review began buying books and now has a very extensive library, having ever been a lover of good literature. As his financial resources were limited, he had comparatively little opportunity in early life to purchase books, but as his business increased he indulged his taste along that line and now possesses a splendid library. He occupies a fine old home which was built by Mr. Wright in 1876 and which was purchased of his widow by Mr. Wadleigh in 1880. It is a commodious residence, beautifully furnished, and an air of comfort and hospitality there reigns. Mr. Wadleigh well merits the rest that has come to him, for his success is the direct result of his close application, earnest purpose and honorable dealing. Wherever known he is held in high esteem and most of all where he is best known.

GERMAN-AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

The German-American Life Insurance Company of Iowa is one of the substantial organizations of this character in the state. It has been in existence for more than a quarter of a century, having been founded in July, 1887, by F. H. A. Koch. It was organized as an assessment company under the name of the German Mutual Life Association and was conducted under that style until 1901, when a reorganization was effected under the name of the German-American Equation Premium Life Association, at which time a change was made from the assessment to the equation premium plan. In 1912, when the passage of a state law made it necessary to have a legal reserve, the business was again reorganized under the name of the German-American Life Insurance Company of America and changed to the old line legal reserve plan. Since this second reorganization the business has grown rapidly until there are now many clients and a large amount of insurance is written annually. They confine their business to this state although it is their purpose to write

insurance in other states within a year. The officers of the company are: P. C. Naumann, president; Lewis H. Koch, vice president and general manager; Charles Blanke, secretary; and Henry Miller, Jr., treasurer. The business has been carefully systematized and its methods accord with the most advanced and reliable phases of insurance work in any part of the country.

REV. P. BENNO, O. S. B.

Rev. P. Benno, pastor of St. John's Catholic church in Burlington, was born in Franken, Germany, May 3, 1869. He attended a preparatory school at Reichelheim, Germany, and when twelve years of age came to the United States to visit an uncle in Atchison, Kansas, this uncle being then a professor in St. Benedict's College of that place. Father Benno entered the school and was graduated therefrom on the completion of the classical course in 1889. He afterward spent a year as a student in the University of Pennsylvania and subsequently returned to Atchison to become an instructor in St. Benedict's College. About that time he entered upon the philosophical and theological courses in preparation for the priesthood and he also studied law for a year. He was graduated with the class of 1896 and the same year was ordained. He then had charge of the St. Louis parish in Atchison county, Kansas, for one year, after which he returned to St. Benedict's College and catalogued the library and also assisted in writing the ritual of the order. He likewise acted as assistant procurator. He then went to Pueblo, Colorado, where he was in charge of the St. Boniface church for four years. In 1904 he arrived in Burlington to become pastor of St. John's Catholic church, but when two years had passed, or in 1906, he returned to Kansas and again assumed charge of the St. Louis parish. He made this change on account of his health and remained in that state until September 3, 1912, when he returned to Burlington and again became pastor of St. John's church with supervision over the large parish school conducted in connection therewith.

St. John's church was founded when, in 1854, the German Catholics of Burlington separated from St. Paul's church. The Rev. J. G. Reffe was made the first pastor and so continued for ten years. The church started with seventy-five families and a house of worship was erected on South Hill, near Division street, the Rev. A. Hattenberger and Rev. M. Lentner finishing the little brick edifice



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with basement at the northeast corner of Seventh street and Maiden Lane in 1857. The following year a parish school was organized, the Rev. M. Michaels teaching the pupils in the church. Rev. C. Exel became pastor of the church and so continued until 1870. In that year the Rev. Herderer took charge and built a two story frame school building, two lay teachers being engaged for instruction. In 1871 Rev. J. B. Fendrich undertook the task of erecting a large brick school building north of the church, which work was completed in three years, with the Sisters of Mercy in charge as teachers of two hundred children. In 1876 the Jesuit Fathers from Buffalo took charge of the parish with the Rev. Joseph Hieber, S. J., as pastor. During his connection with the church a new building was purchased on the southwest corner of Seventh and Division streets for seven thousand five hundred dollars, to be used as a parish house. In 1878 Father William Becker built an addition to the house, which was later sold to the parish for twenty-five hundred dollars, and he also purchased twenty acres on Prospect Hill for a cemetery called Sacred Heart cemetery. In 1880 Father Nicol Greisch, S. J., took charge and began the work of making a collection for the new church property. The Hendrie property, at the corner of Eighth and Division streets, was purchased for ten thousand dollars. About the same time the Franciscan Sisters came to Burlington and began a hospital on the land which had been acquired for the church site. The new church was begun in 1882 and the cornerstone was laid in the spring of 1883. The work was steadily carried forward until the church was completed and in August, 1885, Henry Stensbeck gave to the church three large bells costing one thousand dollars. In turn the pastorate, following Father Greisch, was filled by Father Joseph Kreusch, S. J., Father Joseph Hieber, S. J., and Father Alois Sutter, S. J. In May, 1890, after completing the contract the Jesuit Fathers removed to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and the Benedictine Fathers, of Atchison, Kansas, took charge with Rev. P. Timothy Lubber, O. S. B., as pastor and P. John Stader as assistant. During the pastorate of the Rev. Gregory, O. S. B., in 1891 eighteen hundred dollars was collected for a new high altar. In 1895 Father Hilary became assistant pastor and collected eleven hundred dollars for side altars and also most of the money for a new organ, which was installed in June, 1898. Following the death of Father Timothy in 1901, P. Alphonse became pastor and remained in charge until the 4th of July, 1904, when he was succeeded by Father Benno. In the meantime a new Sisters' house and school building was erected. The school is a large fine brick structure thoroughly equipped with every modern convenience.

Liberal donations to the church and school work have been made by different church sodalities and other organizations as well as by private subscription. The school includes the eight grades of work together with a business course.

Father Thomas Burke, O. S. B., served for about two years as pastor of the church, with P. Hilary as assistant, and in 1912 Father Benno was reappointed. The work of the church is thoroughly organized and during the year 1913 the church debt of thirteen thousand eight hundred and forty-nine dollars was reduced five thousand dollars. Today there are three hundred and fifty families in the parish and two hundred and twenty-five pupils in the school, and both church and school work are making steady progress.

LINCOLN C. HALL, D. D. S.

Dr. Lincoln C. Hall, an alumnus of the Iowa State University, has practiced continuously in Burlington since his graduation in the class of 1891. He was born in Des Moines county, June 8, 1857, a son of Oliver and Marietta (Whittaker) Hall. The father's birth occurred near Albany, New York, and his father, Gideon Hall, was likewise a native of the Empire state. The great-grandfather of Dr. Hall was a native of England and crossed the Atlantic in 1745, settling in Connecticut. He served as a magistrate under appointment of the king and in later generations other representatives of the family have taken a prominent part in the public affairs of the communities in which they have lived.

Oliver Hall continued his residence in New York until 1838, when he emigrated westward with Burlington as his destination. He found here a little hamlet upon the river bank, giving but slight promise of future growth. Something of the primitive conditions of the times is indicated in the fact that he was able to secure government land and entered a claim in Franklin township. As the years passed the evidence of pioneer life gave way before an advancing civilization and Mr. Hall bore his part in promoting the work of general progress and improvement. He had been a resident of Des Moines county for about six years when his father, Gideon Hall, joined him in Iowa and here lived from 1844 until his death. The old gun which Oliver Hall brought to this state is now in possession of Dr. Hall. The family made the westward journey partly by boat after the primitive manner of travel in those times. For a half

century Oliver Hall continued a resident of Des Moines county and was numbered among the prominent and valued citizens of his section of the state. It was in Bennington, Vermont, in 1838, that he was united in marriage to Miss Marietta Whittaker, a daughter of Ezra D. Whittaker, a native of Massachusetts and a representative of one of the old New England families. Mr. Whittaker devoted his life to the banking business. Following the celebration of their marriage the wedding trip of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hall consisted of their journey to Iowa and with every phase of pioneer life in Des Moines county they became familiar, sharing in all of the hardships and privations incident to settlement upon the frontier and doing everything in their power to advance public progress. Mr. Hall was a surveyor as well as farmer and at one time filled the office of county surveyor of Des Moines county and laid off much of the county, his original surveys being still in use. In June, 1886, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife and on the 25th of April, 1888, he passed away after a half century's residence in Iowa.

Dr. Hall acquired a public-school education which he supplemented by attending college at Mount Pleasant. He then entered the State University of Iowa in preparation for a professional career and became a student in the dental department, completing his course with the class of 1891. He then returned to Burlington for practice and has here since remained, covering a period of about twenty-four years. He was not long in demonstrating his ability and his success from the beginning has been continuous. Keeping in touch with the trend of modern thought along the line of dental surgery, he now uses the latest improved instruments and dental appliances and has a well equipped office, while the latest scientific methods of practice find expression in his work.

In 1884 Dr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Ella Atchison, of Burlington, a daughter of John and Lucinda Atchison, who were pioneer settlers of this county. The father was a farmer and carpenter, being thus identified with both agricultural and industrial pursuits for a long period, but he has now passed away. Dr. Hall lost his wife in 1907 and of their five children the eldest is also deceased. This was Cecil, who was drowned June 13, 1904. The others are Harry A., now living in Los Angeles, California; Charles M., who is pursuing a course in civil engineering in the State University of Illinois; and Margaret and William H., both at home.

The Doctor and his children are members of the Presbyterian church, and fraternally he is connected with Washington Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. His political allegiance is given the democratic party,

and he is a member of the Crystal Lake Hunting & Fishing Club—a connection that indicates something of the nature of his interests and recreation. In the strict path of his profession he also has membership connections as he belongs to the local and state dental societies. A lifelong resident of Des Moines county, he is widely known to its citizens and his record, at all times honorable and upright, has won for him the high regard, confidence and goodwill of his fellow citizens, while his ambition and ability have placed him in the front rank among the practitioners of dentistry.

FRANK M. MELLINGER.

Frank M. Mellinger is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, but his activities have been of broader scope and wider significance than those of the real-estate man who merely buys and sells property or negotiates realty transfers. He has studied conditions and utilized opportunities to the benefit not only of his individual success but of the community as well, and it is this spirit of initiative which has made him a leading factor in the reclamation of twenty thousand acres of land lying just across the river in Henderson county, Illinois. Burlington is his native city and the year of his birth was 1854. His father, S. Mellinger, came to Burlington in 1850 and here first engaged in the tin and stove business, with which he was connected for about fifteen years. In 1865, however, he turned his attention to real-estate operations, establishing the business now conducted by his son, Frank M. Mellinger. The father was at the head of the undertaking until 1897, when he was succeeded by his sons, although he still continued to work along the same line until his death, which occurred in November, 1911. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Emeline Marshall, passed away in September, 1912.

The early home of the family stood on Hawkeye creek and it was there that Frank M. Mellinger was born and spent his early youth. At the usual age he entered the public schools of Burlington and after passing through consecutive grades he further qualified for the practical and responsible duties of life by pursuing a course in the old Business College of Burlington, now known as Elliott's Business College. He made his initial step in the business world as an employe of the William Bell Dry Goods Company, wholesale dealers, in the capacity of bill clerk. He remained with that house

for ten years, working his way steadily upward, and at the end of that time he entered the employ of the Buffington Wheel Company. Again advancement came to him in recognition of his ability and trustworthiness and ultimately he became secretary of the company, which controlled the first wheel manufactory west of the Mississippi river. At length that company was absorbed by the trust and then Frank M. Mellinger entered the real-estate field with his father, becoming his successor in the management and ownership of the business in 1897.

He largely deals in farm lands although he handles considerable city property and also writes a large amount of insurance annually. Fifteen years ago he began agitating the question of reclaiming the marsh lands across the river in Henderson county, Illinois, but met with little encouragement. Notwithstanding the difficulties that confronted him he persisted and as the result of his continued efforts he succeeded in getting the people and the moneyed interests to take hold of the proposition in 1911 and now they are reclaiming about twenty thousand acres through scientific drainage. The tract was divided into two drainage districts under public control and Mr. Mellinger was the first man to be appointed on a commission when residing in another state from that in which the work is being carried on. The citizens of Henderson county, Illinois, however, got up a special petition that he be appointed by the courts and this was done. He is now the active director of the undertaking, which is proving of the utmost value to that region. In the beginning of the work he assumed a large part of the responsibility, both financial and otherwise.

On the 25th of September, 1884, Mr. Mellinger was united in marriage to Miss Lou A. Stubbs, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, who was educated in the schools of that city. They have become the parents of four children: Frank S., who married Hazel Merle, of Omaha, Nebraska, and is engaged in the practice of dentistry in that city; Mabel, the wife of Dr. Clarence Steen, of Scott's Bluff, Nebraska, where he is filling the office of mayor; and Grace and Marie, who are attending high school. Dr. and Mrs. Steen have three children, a son and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellinger are prominent in social circles of Burlington and are also active members of the Congregational church. His club relations are with the Hawkeyes and the Elks, the Carthage Lake Fishing Club and the Silver Lake Fishing Club. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is thoroughly conversant with the leading questions and issues of the day but has never

been a politician in the sense of office seeking, feeling that the pursuits of private life are in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. In his business career he has won notable success and his initiative spirit has been of direct value to the community in which his efforts have been put forth.

F. W. RASCHE.

F. W. Rasche is a partner of E. H. Hoelzen in the real-estate and insurance business, in which connection they have secured a large clientage, although the firm has been in existence for only about two years. Mr. Rasche is a native of Missouri, his birth having occurred in Kahoka, Clark county, on the 12th of February, 1875, his parents being Frederick and Caroline (Heneke) Rasche. The father, a native of Germany, came to the United States in boyhood and entered the ministry of the German Evangelical church, after which he engaged in preaching in various sections of Missouri, Iowa and Illinois. He married Caroline Heneke, a native of Missouri, and her death occurred in 1894, while the Rev. Frederick Rasche survived until October 9, 1912, passing away in this state. His work was closely identified with the moral development of the middle west and his efforts proved an influencing element in advancing the interests of the church in many ways.

F. W. Rasche acquired a parochial school education and also attended the public schools at Franklin and at Creston, Iowa, before entering Elmhurst College near Chicago. He afterward entered into the mercantile business as a clerk at Creston and thus gained the initial experience which qualified him for later responsibilities of that character. He embarked in merchandising on his own account in Des Moines in 1894. The same year his mother died and the family then removed to Burlington. In this city Mr. Rasche again engaged in general merchandising, conducting a store for two years, at the end of which time he sold out. He then began clerking in the St. Louis Store in Burlington and was also employed in other establishments of this city until 1909, when he secured a position with the Parsons Realty Company, with which he was associated until 1912. In that year he joined E. H. Hoelzen in forming a partnership for the conduct of a real-estate and insurance business and the firm of Hoelzen & Rasche has made for itself a creditable place in this field of business activity. They have negotiated

many important property transfers and have secured a good clientage in insurance as well, writing many large policies each year.

In 1899 Mr. Rasche was united in marriage to Miss Lydia M. Schaefer, of Burlington, a daughter of Captain Charles Schaefer, and they now have two sons, Walter and Milton. The parents are members of the German Evangelical Zion church and Mr. Rasche has membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Red Men and the Commercial Exchange. In politics he is a progressive, having allied himself with the movement which in recent years has sought freedom from all machine rule and attempts to further through concerted public effort the best interests of the country. He is a typical man of the period, alert and energetic, realizing that in this age of keen competition success can only be won through intense business activity, and that he is most diligent, energetic and determined is manifest in the results which are attending his labors.

O. M. BURRUS.

Whatever there is glorious in this world is the product of labor, either of body or mind. History is but the record of work. The halls of art display the exquisite touch of the hand of the sculptor and artist, cultivated fields blossom and wave under the hand of toil; busy marts, rising cities, are the treasure house of its deeds. The Creator has made work the all-regulating law of men, obedience to which promotes the harmony and happiness of the state and society. All work is noble that has for its end the improvement of the workman and his fellows; for it is in the line on which the glorious Architect and Sculptor of the Universe is working. The symbols most pleasing to Him and expressive of the civilization and elevation of man, are not the sword, the cannon, not the regal crown, but the square, the compass, the mallet and chisel, the palette and brush, the hammer, the forge and the plow. The men in all ages who have gone forth with the implements of all work, governed by the principles of truth and justice revealed by the God of Heaven, are the pioneers, the builders, the reformers, the noblemen of earth.

As a representative man of industry as applied to art, we select him whose name heads this sketch.

Prominent among the energetic, farseeing and successful business men of Burlington is the founder and promoter of the extensive busi-

ness conducted under the name of O. M. Burrus & Brother. They are wholesale manufacturers of fine monumental work and have a business that covers a wide portion of the western territory. Progressive methods, unabating energy and unrelaxing attention to the business in principle and detail, are the strong features in the success which has come to the firm.

Mr. Burrus is a native of Illinois. He was born December 11, 1860, of the marriage of Robert R. and Louisa Burrus, the former a cabinetmaker by trade. He acquired a country-school education and afterward learned the marble cutting business. The year 1876 witnessed his arrival in Burlington, where he was employed in the line of his trade until 1887, but he was ambitious to enjoy the benefits of his own labors and in that year embarked in business on his own account with a capital of sixty-five dollars. From that small beginning he has steadily advanced. He possesses a high degree of skill and efficiency in marble cutting and, moreover, he is most energetic. Upon these qualities as a foundation he has builded his success. In 1904 he was joined by his brother, R. R. Burrus, who had formerly been a traveling salesman for a furniture house, and in 1907 the business was incorporated with O. M. Burrus as president and manager.

The company now has the largest plant west of New England and their ground space has a frontage of three hundred feet on Jefferson street and one hundred and seventy feet on Valley street and extends through the block. Something of the immensity of the business is gleaned from the fact that he pays twenty-eight thousand dollars per year on incoming freight alone. He now employs eighty mechanics and pays sixty-five thousand dollars annually in wages. The output is sold all over the territory west of the Mississippi river. Electric power from the Keokuk plant is used and the equipment is thoroughly modern in every particular. They own ware rooms and factory and have their own side track, which runs at the rear of the factory and also into the factory. There are three steel traveling cranes, two steel derricks, three surfacing machines, seventy-five plug drills and pneumatic tools and three polishing mills. The plant is thoroughly equipped for handling the highest class of monumental work and the ware room fronting on Valley street contains more finished granite monuments in nearly all the standard granites than can be seen in any other one place in the United States. The warehouse is built of Bedford stone and equipped with three steel traveling cranes extending over the side track. Their work is seen throughout all sections of the west and is thoroughly artistic in design and workmanship. They use light and dark Barre, Woodbury, Missouri

red, dark Quincy, Saint Cloud red, Winsboro blue, blue pearl and other standard granites.

On the 18th of September, 1887, O. M. Burrus was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Brown, of Burlington, and they became parents of three children, but the only one now living is Norman, who is attending Ames College and has won fame on the athletic field. Mr. Burrus is independent in his political views, supporting men and measures rather than party. He belongs to the Crystal Lake Club, the Golf Club and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and is popular in those organizations. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life empty-handed, learning a trade which he thoroughly mastered and in which his skill and efficiency, coupled with laudable ambition, has brought him to substantial success, making him one of the foremost business men of his adopted city.

PHIL LEICHT.

Phil Leicht is conducting a profitable business as a retail dealer in liquors and cigars in Burlington. He was born in this city, May 18, 1861, a son of Philip Leicht, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1831 and who at the age of twenty-four years crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He landed at New Orleans and after a brief period spent in the south made his way up the Mississippi to Burlington, where he arrived in 1857. Here he entered the employ of the Gilbert-Hedge Lumber Company, with which he was connected for about eight years, and then with the capital which he had acquired from his industry and economy he embarked in business on his own account in 1865 as a dealer in liquors. His wife, Mrs. Wilhelmena Leicht, who was born in Germany in 1840, passed away at the age of forty-five years.

Their son, Phil Leicht, was educated in the parochial schools of Burlington to the age of thirteen years, after which he pursued a business course in the old Bryant & Stratton school. He bought his father's business and became his successor on the 1st of May, 1882. He has been on the same corner for thirty-two years, occupying a three-story brick building which he owns. He conducts a retail trade and is liberally patronized, his business being a source of gratifying profit.

On the 29th of November, 1883, Mr. Leicht was united in marriage to Miss Annie K. Klein, of Burlington, who was educated in the parochial schools of this city. She holds membership in St. John's Catholic church and takes a most active and helpful interest in its work. By her marriage she has become the mother of two daughters: Anna H. and Blanch P., both of whom graduated from the parochial and high schools of Burlington and are accomplished musicians. Mr. Leicht is identified with several fraternal and club organizations, belonging to the Eagles, the Moose, the Gobblers, the Carthage Lake Fishing Club and the Silver Lake Club. He is a communicant of the Catholic church. In politics he is a democrat and is always interested in the city's welfare, cooperating in many movements for its material improvement.

FRANKLIN WILCOX.

At a period when it was as common to see Indians as it is today to see representatives of European nationalities Franklin Wilcox became a resident of Iowa. He did not remain permanently following his arrival in 1837 but after a few years took up his abode in Burlington, where he remained to the time of his death. He witnessed the events which characterized the most remarkable period in the history of Iowa—that which transformed it from a great broad prairie region, unsettled and uncultivated, into one of the populous states of the Union, leading in the vanguard of civilization.

Mr. Wilcox was born in Whiting, Vermont, June 24, 1810, a son of Pliny and Mary (Remele) Wilcox, the former a native of Litchfield, Connecticut, of Welsh descent, and the latter of Rhode Island, of Holland descent. In 1813 they removed to the Western Reserve, settling in what is now Copley, Ohio. There the father died and the mother spent her last days in Burlington at the home of her son Franklin, who was but fourteen years of age at the time of his father's death. The children of Pliny and Mary (Remele) Wilcox were four in number: Philora, who became the wife of Peter Starr and was thereafter a resident of Akron, Ohio; Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Isaac Galland, with whom she made the trip across the plains to California with ox teams in 1852; John R., who attended the West Point Military Academy and after his graduation spent his life in the army, being for a time commander of Fort Edward, Illinois, where he

passed away; and Franklin. The mother's death occurred in Fort Madison at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Galland, July 18, 1849. Dr. Galland was a very prominent factor in settling difficulties concerning what was known as the Half Breed Tract land troubles.

Following his father's death Franklin Wilcox returned to Vermont and resided for a time with an uncle. At the age of nineteen he took up the profession of school-teaching in the Green Mountain state and when about twenty years of age he was united in marriage to Miss Maria Johnson. They afterward went to Ohio and one night when they were attending church their house with all of its contents was destroyed by fire. The year 1836 witnessed their arrival in Iowa and they located in Lee county, purchasing two thousand acres of land of what was known as the Half Breed Tract. In 1838 Mr. Wilcox sold his land and went to Commerce, afterward called Nauvoo, Illinois, but in 1841 returned to Lee county, Iowa, and took up his abode in Montrose, where he conducted a store. Every evidence of pioneer life was to be seen. The work of settlement and improvement had scarcely been begun in the state and the Indians far outnumbered the white settlers. Mr. Wilcox became acquainted with Black Hawk, who left all of his belongings with Mr. Wilcox when he went to Washington, D. C., to see the president. At different periods the Indian chief spent considerable time with his white friend. Mr. Wilcox described him as "a perfect man physically" and it was evident that he responded to the kindness shown him on the part of his white brother.

In 1839 Mr. Wilcox established an extensive trading business which extended on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers between St. Louis and Cincinnati. He devoted about a year to that undertaking and on two different occasions he made trips between Vermont and Iowa on horseback. On one of these trips he led two horses in addition to the one which he rode all the way from New England to his western home. In October, 1841, he made his way to Warsaw, Illinois, where he joined his brother, Major John R. Wilcox, who was a West Point graduate, but later he returned again to Vermont. He lost his first wife in 1844 and in 1845 he was married a second time, Miss Harriet Eliza Weeks, a native of the Green Mountain state, becoming his wife. Her father, John M. Weeks, of Salisbury, Vermont, was a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, who came to America as passengers on the Mayflower in 1620. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox made the trip to the Mississippi valley by way of the Erie canal and by river, one month being consumed en route. They spent the first winter in Keokuk and in the following spring, 1846, Mr.

Wilcox purchased a farm six miles west of Burlington, on the upper Augusta road. With characteristic energy he began to clear the land and develop the fields and resided thereon until during the Civil war, in 1863. He then sold his farm and removed to West Hill, where he remained until 1864, when he purchased what has since been the family home at No. 715 Maple street in Burlington.

The remainder of his life was devoted to public service. He served for three years as a member of the state legislature and was appointed justice of the peace, a position which he occupied for fifteen years, making a most creditable record in office. His decisions, which were strictly fair and impartial, "won golden opinions from all sorts of people," and he made an equally creditable record during the long years in which he served as United States commissioner, which position he occupied to the time of his death, on the 3d of December, 1900, when he had reached the advanced age of ninety and one-half years. His wife passed away in 1895, when seventy-five years of age, and in their demise the county lost two of its most worthy and highly esteemed pioneer residents.

By his first marriage Mr. Wilcox had three children. Henry F., born in 1834, resided at Quincy, Illinois until his death, December 26, 1914. He enlisted in May, 1861, as a member of Company K, Thirty-third Illinois Infantry, served for three years, veteranized and remained with the army until the close of hostilities. He married Harriet Hedges, who died in 1879, leaving two sons and a daughter. Pliny died in infancy. Pliny, the second of the name, was born March 3, 1842, and in 1861 enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of the First Iowa Cavalry. He was killed at Bloomfield, Missouri, by the falling of a tree, while in the service, when but nineteen years of age. By his second marriage Mr. Wilcox also had three children: Marie, who became the wife of Hiram Parker and died in California in April, 1901; Mary Elizabeth, residing on the home place; and Harriet Lucy, the wife of Dr. S. E. Nixon, of Burlington.

In his political views Mr. Wilcox was an ardent whig and on the dissolution of that party he joined the ranks of the republican party, with which he was identified until his demise. For a brief period he served as sheriff of Des Moines county and in that position made a record as creditable as he did in the other offices which he filled. He was one of Iowa's first settlers, and his name is indelibly inscribed upon the pages of her history. He lived to see notable changes. When he first came to this state even the territorial organization had not been effected and it was some years afterward before Iowa was

admitted to the Union. He took great pride in what was accomplished as the years went on and cooperated heartily in the work of general development and upbuilding.

JOSEPH R. SUTTER.

Gradually working his way upward and winning success which is the logical outcome of determination, close application and wise management, Joseph R. Sutter is now a well known druggist of Burlington, his native city, where he has an interest in and conducts two of the leading drug establishments of the city. He was born April 14, 1873, and is a son of Robert and Christina (Dahlinger) Sutter. The wife and mother passed away in 1877 and the father afterward married Anna Meile, who, like her husband, was a native of Switzerland. Robert Sutter was a son of Ambrose and Amanza Sutter and in the land of the Alps was reared until, in company with his three brothers, Bonifaz, Meenrad and Anton, he came to the United States. Not long afterward they were joined by their parents and all settled in Burlington. Robert Sutter was a cabinetmaker by trade and followed that pursuit for many years, leading a busy, active and useful life. He died in Burlington in 1901 and is survived by his widow. He had five children, of whom three were born by the first marriage and two of the second, namely: Emma, who died in infancy; Joseph R., of this review; Anna, the wife of Felix Rittler, of Burlington; Ida, who married Clarence Oakley, also of Burlington; and Robert, who is married and makes his home in this city.

Reared in Burlington, Joseph R. Sutter pursued his education until he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the high school. He then sought employment and obtained a position in the Witte Drug Store, with which he was connected for fourteen years, a fact that indicates clearly his fidelity to duty as well as his capability. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economical expenditures made him the possessor of capital sufficient to enable him to embark in business independently. He then purchased the drug store of William Cochran, in the Tama building, in 1903 and conducted it under his own name at No. 310 Third street. After two years he admitted Erwin Ludman to a partnership and a removal was made to Nos. 307-309 Third street. There the business was successfully conducted and in 1909 they opened a new store at No. 403 Jefferson street, remaining proprietors of both stores to the pres-

ent time, Mr. Sutter managing the Third street establishment and his partner the Jefferson street store. In 1909 William H. Waldhoff became a stockholder in the business. The present officers are: Joseph R. Sutter, president; William H. Waldhoff, vice president; and Erwin Ludman, secretary and treasurer. They handle the Rexall line of drugs at both stores and are the exclusive agents therefor in Burlington. Both establishments are well appointed and carry a large and carefully selected line of drugs and druggists' sundries, while the business methods of the firm are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

On the 20th of June, 1895, Mr. Sutter was united in marriage to Miss Anna S. Schlachter, of Burlington, a daughter of Adrian and Sophia (Enger) Schlachter. There are four children of this marriage, Clarence, Gertrude, Raymond and Ursula. Mr. Sutter has membership with the Woodmen of the World, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Moose and the Eagles. His political indorsement is given the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the Bethany Lutheran church. He is prominently known in trade circles and in 1914 was local secretary for the Druggists Convention. On the 12th of June of that year he was elected first vice president of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association and he is interested in all that tends to further the trade or promote its value to the community. He has made a creditable record throughout his business career, accomplishing what he has undertaken, and he has been both the builder and architect of his own fortunes.

JOSEPH L. GAFFORD.

Joseph L. Gafford, of Burlington, became interested in the grain trade in 1882 in Osceola, Iowa. In 1889, he was one of the organizers of the Iowa Grain & Produce Company, of which he is now the secretary and treasurer. Laudable ambition, energy and enterprise have been the salient traits which have led him constantly onward until he stands today among the representative business men of Burlington. He was born in Keokuk, Iowa, June 7, 1858, a son of Joseph and Sarah J. (Longly) Gafford, the former of Scotch descent, born in Baltimore, Fairfield county, Ohio, January 16, 1834. The latter was born in Errol, Lampton county, Canada West, April 4, 1837, and died in Burlington, January 3, 1887, aged forty-nine years nine months. Both became residents of Keokuk, Iowa, when young people

and were married in that city on Dec. 4, 1855. The father was a building contractor there and later established business in Keokuk as a dealer in butter, eggs and produce. In 1871 he removed with his family to St. Louis, where he engaged in other lines of business and in the early '80s they came to Burlington.

When the family came to Burlington, Joseph L. Gafford went to Osceola. He had spent his youthful days under the parental roof, accompanying his parents on their various removals, and in the St. Louis schools acquired his education. His business training was received under the direction of his father, whom he assisted in connection with the grain trade. He joined his father in organizing the Iowa Grain & Produce Company on the 10th of January, 1889. Of this company Joseph Gafford, Sr., became the president, George N. Culver, vice president and M. A. Williamson, secretary and treasurer. These three constituted the board of directors, together with Joseph L. Gafford and Edward Funke. The cold storage and produce end of the business was located at Nos. 800, 802 and 804 Jefferson street. From the beginning the enterprise grew rapidly until the company had a line of twenty elevators along the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and also a cold storage plant at Burlington, the first in the city. In 1899 the interests were divided and the elevators and grain business were taken over by Messrs. Culver, Funke and O. T. Hulburt, the last named of whom had become interested in the Iowa Grain & Produce Company and was made secretary and treasurer when Mr. Williamson withdrew therefrom in January, 1895. The elevators were operated under the name of the O. T. Hulburt Company.

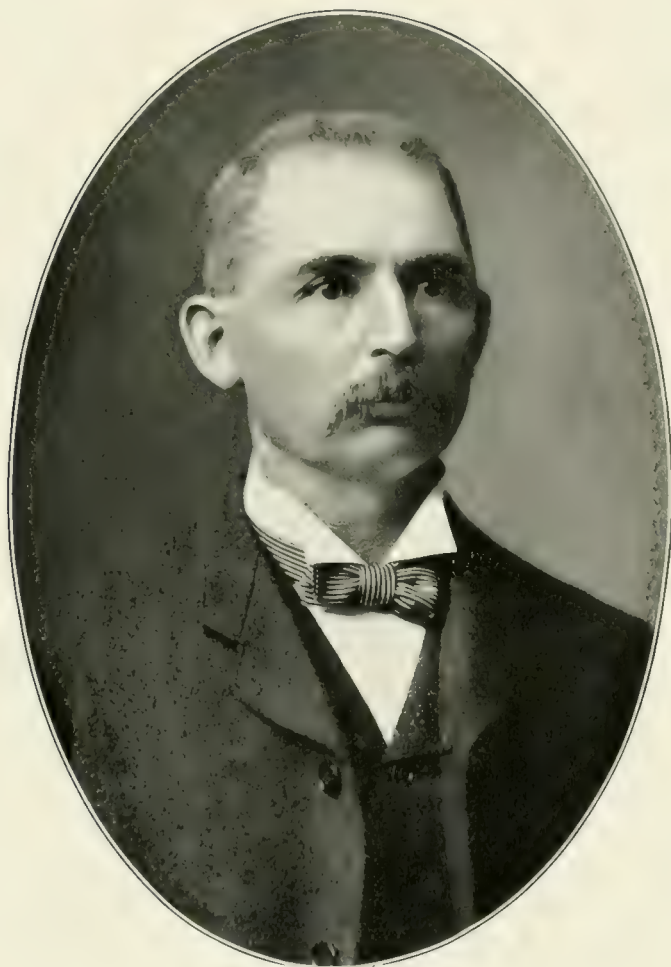
On the division in 1899, the Iowa Grain & Produce Company consisted of Joseph Gafford as president, Edward Funke vice president and Joseph L. Gafford secretary and treasurer. At this time J. L. Gafford moved from Osceola to Burlington with his family. The president Joseph Gafford, died June 3, 1903, and was succeeded by Mr. Funke, who is a resident of Chicago and who still retains the presidency of the business. The company maintains cold storage and does a wholesale business in butter and eggs. They buy all over southern Iowa, eastern Illinois and northern Missouri and employ during the busy season as many as twenty-six people. They make purchases from country merchants and ship in carload lots to the east. The company was incorporated under the laws of Iowa and its authorized capital stock is a hundred thousand dollars. The business has been a substantial and growing one, not only from the organization but since the division, and the trade of the company is of value to producers,

furnishing a market for their butter and eggs. The annual sales now reach a large figure and the success of the enterprise is attributable in large measure to Joseph L. Gafford, who is the active manager.

Mr. Gafford was united in marriage to Miss E. Ada Sturgeon, a native of Ohio, and they have become parents of three children: Gertrude, the wife of T. E. Patterson, of Dayton, Ohio; Helene; and Eugene J. Mr. Gafford is a prominent Mason, holding membership in the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Commercial Club and is president of the Carthage Lake Club. He likewise has membership in the Presbyterian church of which he is one of the trustees and treasurer and these associations indicate something of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he has ever preferred to give his undivided attention to his business affairs, which are of constantly growing volume and importance.

JOSEPH BOCK.

The late Joseph Bock, of Burlington, was widely known in southeastern Iowa as one of the foremost florists in that part of the state. He was a German by birth, his native province being Silesia, where he first saw the light of day on April 10, 1846, his parents being Joseph and Johanna Bock. In 1867, when twenty-one years of age, he came to Burlington, Iowa, having crossed the Atlantic in search of larger opportunities, entering the employ of Neally Brothers & Bock, on Madison street, the junior member of the firm being a brother of our subject. Later he and his brother engaged in the nursery business under a partnership contract and so continued until 1889, when Joseph Bock became entirely independent, establishing a greenhouse on Sunnyside avenue, in which location he continued in business until his death. He had an expert knowledge of the business and his natural love for nature assisted him considerably in the successful conduct of his establishment, which from a small beginning developed into one of the most important institutions of its kind in southeastern Iowa. The plant was increased until there are now thirteen greenhouses. They have two deep wells and own their own water works, supplying water for the greenhouses and for three dwellings. There is also a large heating plant which supplies heat to the



JOSEPH BOCK

greenhouses and the three dwellings, and they have their own gas plant. The buildings are surrounded by a beautiful lawn adorned with fine shade trees, and there are splendid cement walks leading from one part of the grounds to another. Mr. Bock was industrious, capable and ever guided by the highest standards of integrity. He was a most likable man and had a host of friends.

On November 25, 1875, Mr. Bock was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wiemer, a member of one of the early pioneer families of Des Moines county, where she was born. They became parents of three children: Emma, now the wife of John A. Fritz, of Burlington, by whom she has two children, Ralph and Mildred; Dr. Edwin C. Bock, a dentist practicing in Fairfield, Iowa, who married Clara Gregg and has two daughters, Elizabeth and Laura; and Harry Oliver, of Burlington, who married Miss Minnie Wohlwend and has one son, Joseph. Mrs. Bock still resides on Sunnyside avenue, Burlington, and is admired by a large circle of friends, who esteem in her a woman who out of the kindness of her heart does much good for her fellow beings. She not only displays all the attractive womanly qualities but also has marked business ability. Her husband left his property to her and she, with the assistance of her son Harry, has since had the management of the business, in which connection she employs twelve men. Her greenhouses are the most extensive in the county and she is able to supply to the trade plants and cut flowers of all kinds. There are fourteen acres in the home place and there are no more complete greenhouses with more thoroughly modern equipment in Chicago or other large cities than the Bock establishment in Burlington. She is acquainted with every detail of the business and her management is bringing continued and growing success to the undertaking.

Mr. Bock was a republican in his political views and was a public-spirited citizen but not an office seeker. He was a most unselfish man and lived for others. He found his greatest happiness in promoting the welfare of his family and counted no personal sacrifice too great if it would advance their interests. He erected three fine residences, one for each of his children. He died August 7, 1911, when sixty-five years of age. His death brought great sorrow to his immediate family and to the many who had the honor of his closer acquaintance. Although born in Germany, he had become a thorough American citizen who took pride in the progress of his section and the advancement of his city, to which he contributed in no inconsiderable way.

One of the local papers said of him at the time of his death: "He was one of the best citizens of the town, one of the most likable of men, and he could not well be spared. He will be missed and mourned by all who knew him. He was an excellent business man, he loved his calling and he exercised never-failing courtesy in his dealings with his patrons. He had worked up from small beginnings, and there were none to envy him his possessions, while all who knew him gloried in his success. He was a self-made man in the very best sense of the word. While Mr. Bock was not a member of any church, nor so far as known any fraternal society, he was a thoroughly good man and a man who walked in the straight and narrow way all the days of his life. In his time he had employed much labor, and he was beloved by those who had been his employes as he was by all others who knew him well."

P. A. REPPERT, M. D.

Since starting out in life on his own account Dr. P. A. Reppert has made continuous advancement. For a long period he was connected with railway interests and in that field progressed step by step. He then determined to devote his life to professional activity and prepared for the practice of medicine, in which he has since continued, his thorough preparation and ability being indicated in the fact that he ranked first in a class of two hundred and twenty-seven students.

Burlington is proud to number Dr. Reppert among her native sons, his birth having here occurred on the 10th of December, 1859, his parents being Christian and Elizabeth (Pellizzarro) Reppert, the former a native of Germany and the latter of St. Louis. The father came to Burlington in the '40s, on the memorable day on which the Hodges were hung. He and his brother, Phillip Reppert, came together and here established a blacksmith and wagon shop, being thus identified with the industrial and manufacturing interests of the city until 1850, when they went to California with Frederick Schmeig. While on the trip Phillip Reppert died and his remains were interred in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Christian Reppert then returned to Burlington in the early '50s and again opened the blacksmith shop which they had abandoned on starting for the Pacific coast. Later he entered the mercantile field as a grocer, becoming the proprietor of a store at the corner of Eighth and Jef-

ferson streets, which he conducted until he retired from active business about 1874, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He passed away in January, 1903, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, while his wife died December 25, 1910, at the age of sixty-nine years. They had a family of twelve children, nine of whom are yet living.

Dr. Reppert was the second in order of birth in that family. He is indebted to the public-school system of Burlington for the educational privileges which he enjoyed in his boyhood and youth. On starting out in life on his own account he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company and for ten years filled the responsible position of train dispatcher, acting in that capacity until 1890, when he went to Salt Lake City to become chief dispatcher and trainmaster for the Utah division of the Union Pacific Railroad. There he continued for two years and was afterward with the Rio Grande Railroad in the same capacity for six years at Pueblo, Colorado, but in 1898 he withdrew from active connection with railroad interests and went to Chicago, where he matriculated in Rush Medical College, for he had determined to prepare for the practice of medicine and make it his life work throughout his remaining days. He completed his course by graduation on the 18th of June, 1903, winning for the first time in the history of the institution both the Rush and Freer medals and standing first in a class of two hundred and twenty-seven students. He has since taken post-graduate work every year and there are few who keep so closely in touch with the advancement that is continually being made in the methods of medical and surgical practice. He was offered and accepted the chair of preventative medicine in the University Medical College of Kansas City and in 1904 he came to Burlington, where he has since specialized in the practice of surgery. He belongs to the Des Moines County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and is a most able and distinguished representative of the profession in Burlington, occupying a place of high professional honor.

On the 27th of October, 1886, Dr. Reppert was united in marriage to Miss Birdenia Gregg, a daughter of John M. and Emily Gregg, of Burlington, who came to this city from Virginia in the early '30s. Dr. Reppert exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but has never been an office seeker. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. The basic influences of his life are further indicated in the fact that he holds

membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church. His career has even been an upright and honorable one, winning for him distinction, prominence and the favorable regard and goodwill of his fellowmen. He recognizes fully the obligations which devolve upon him in connection with the arduous duties of the profession and among the many practitioners of Burlington there are none who hold more closely to a high standard of professional ethics.

WILLIAM HUSTED.

Among those who have won success in the conduct of farming interests and now live retired is William Husted, of Mediapolis, who is numbered among the venerable citizens of Des Moines county, having passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey. He is a native of Bridgeton, Cumberland county, New Jersey, born May 3, 1831, his parents being Peter and Phoebe (Wescott) Husted, who were also natives of that state. The family went to Hamilton county, Ohio, in 1833 and subsequently removed to Greensburg, Decatur county, Indiana. In the fall of 1842 they arrived in Des Moines county, Iowa, settling in Pleasant Grove township. At a later date they took up their abode in Yellow Springs township and still later, or in 1854, went to Clarke county, Iowa, where the parents spent their remaining days, the mother passing away at the age of seventy-seven years, while the father's death occurred when he was eighty-two years of age. He always followed farming as a life work and also bought and drove stock to the market. His early political allegiance was given to the democratic party, but when the new republican party was formed he joined its ranks because of his opposition to the system of slavery. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church and to its teachings he was most loyal.

In the family were ten children: John and Hannah Saint, both of whom are now deceased; Shephard, who passed away at the age of twenty-one years; William; Mrs. Nancy Love, also deceased; Robert and Horatio, both of whom have passed away; Henry, now living in California; Franklin, a resident of Murray, Iowa; and Thomas, deceased.

William Husted has resided in Des Moines county since 1842, save for a period of a year and a half spent in California. He was a lad of but eleven years when the family came to Iowa and pioneer conditions still existed in Des Moines county. There are, indeed, few

who have been a witness of the growth and development of this region for as long a period—seventy-two years. He spent his youthful days upon the home farm and in 1850, when nineteen years of age, started for California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast. He made the journey across the plains with ox teams and on reaching the mines dug gold to an amount sufficient to enable him to start in business upon his return to this county. With the exception of a brief period spent on the Pacific coast he has always followed farming in Yellow Springs township up to the time of his retirement and is still part owner in a farm of two hundred and ten acres. He prospered as the years went on and at one time owned about five hundred acres of very valuable and productive land, but he has sold a portion of this and has also given a part of his land to his children. During the past twenty-two years he has made his home in Mediapolis and for a while engaged in buying, feeding and shipping cattle, but is now living retired, enjoying the rest which has come to him as the merited reward of his well directed energy and thrift in former years.

In the fall of 1856 Mr. Husted was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Harper, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, March 21, 1833, and came to this county in early childhood with her parents, William and Sarah Harper. For fifty-five years Mr. and Mrs. Husted traveled life's journey happily together but were separated in the death of the wife on the 8th of August, 1911. They had a family of six children: Oscar, who died at the age of four years; Shephard, living on the old homestead; Mrs. Ida May Patterson, who died leaving four children; Mary, the wife of Elta Conklin, of Los Angeles, California; Cora Amanda, who died at the age of eighteen years; and a son, who died in infancy. A granddaughter, Elsie Husted, has resided with her grandfather since the death of his wife and has managed the household for him.

Mr. Husted is still a well preserved man. He is five feet, ten inches in height and has through manhood always weighed from one hundred and seventy-five to two hundred pounds. He possesses great vitality and is very rugged, and thus he has come to old age well preserved mentally and physically. He has a nice home at the northeast corner of the park in Mediapolis and is most pleasantly situated. In politics he is a stalwart republican, having voted for John C. Fremont, the first presidential candidate of the party, and for each of its national standard bearers since that time. He has served as township trustee and as school officer, yet has had no political aspirations. For the past sixty years he has been a devoted and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, guiding his life according to its teach-

ings and thus commanding and enjoying the respect, confidence and goodwill of all who know him. Mr. Husted is, perhaps, the only resident of his locality who crossed the plains in 1850. He belongs to an organization known as Fremont Voters, very few of whom are left. He has lived to witness notable changes in the state. There were only about one thousand inhabitants in all Iowa territory at the time of his arrival. There was so much prairie here and so little timber that the early residents thought that the country never would be settled up. They felt that they must have timber land and did not recognize fully the value of the rich prairie country. Seventy-two years have come and gone since Mr. Husted arrived in Des Moines county, a lad of eleven summers. Many notable events have since occurred and the work of progress and improvement has been carried steadily forward. He relates many interesting incidents of the early times and the methods of life and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

F. W. SCHRAMM.

F. W. Schramm is proprietor of a shoe store devoted exclusively to the sale of men's and boys' shoes. This establishment was opened on the 1st of August, 1913, and business has since been successfully conducted, for previous experience along commercial lines, combined with energy and laudable ambition, have made the owner one of the wide-awake and progressive merchants of the city. He was born in Burlington, October 7, 1885, a son of Arthur and Mary (Gage) Schramm, the former a native of Farmington, Iowa, and the latter of Pennsylvania. The family is of German lineage and was founded in America by Charles F. Schramm, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in Germany and when ten years of age came to the United States with his father, the family home being at that time established in Circleville, Ohio.

At an early period in the development of Iowa Charles F. Schramm came to this state, arriving in Burlington at about the same time as Frederick Schmieg. Mr. Schramm first settled at Farmington, but afterward came to Burlington and embarked in business with Mr. Schmieg. They established a dry-goods business on Jefferson between Water and Main streets and there conducted their trade for twenty years. They afterward opened a wholesale house on North Main street and in 1903 the business was incorporated with Frederick

Schmieg as president and Charles F. Schramm as vice president with the latter's son, Arthur Schramm, as secretary and treasurer. The business grew to extensive proportions and their trade now covers a large territory. The business methods of the house have ever been unassailable and the thorough reliability and integrity of its founders were never called into question. Mr. Schramm was for an extended period classed with the most honored and valued business men of Burlington and he remained in active connection with the wholesale dry-goods trade of which he was one of the founders until his death, which occurred in February, 1906.

His son, Arthur Schramm, was reared in Burlington, and, endowed by nature with superior musical talent, engaged in teaching that art in the early years of his life. He then joined his father in the wholesale dry-goods business under the firm name of Schramm & Schmieg and he continued actively in the business until January, 1909, when he went to Seattle, Washington, where he now lives retired. His wife and two sons are with him in that city. In the family were three sons: F. W.; Arthur, who is now an attorney of Seattle; and Charles Edwin, who is attending school.

The eldest son, F. W. Schramm, passed through consecutive grades in the public schools until he became a high-school pupil. He was of the third generation to become actively connected with the Schramm & Schmieg Dry Goods Company and, like his father, was associated therewith until January, 1909, when he accompanied his parents to Seattle, where he remained for a year. He then returned to Burlington and went upon the road as a traveling salesman for the Welch-Cook Company of Cedar Rapids for three years. At the end of that time he opened a shoe store at No. 208 Jefferson street, where he has a twenty-foot frontage. This was on the 1st of August, 1913. He carries an exclusive line of men's and boys' shoes and his patronage has reached extensive and gratifying proportions. He has the business acumen and enterprise which have been a synonym of the family name through three generations in Burlington. What he undertakes he accomplishes, brooking no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent and honorable effort.

On the 24th of April, 1907, Mr. Schramm was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Taeger, a daughter of Charles and Amelia (Bokenkamp) Taeger, the former deceased, while the latter survives. Mr. and Mrs. Schramm have one child, Lucia Elizabeth. Mr. Schramm belongs to the Elks lodge, the Loyal Order of Moose and the United Commercial Travelers, while in politics he is a progressive with independent tendencies. Practically his entire life has been spent in this

city and he has been connected with its commercial interests almost continuously since attaining his majority. Advancement has come to him in recognition of merit and ability and yet he has scarcely compassed three decades on life's journey. There are few idle moments in his career and the energy which he has displayed in closely applying himself to his work has carried him to a point in commercial circles that many an older man might well envy.

ARTHUR J. KLEIN.

Arthur J. Klein, of Burlington, is the secretary and manager of the Northwestern Stamping Company, and his enterprising spirit and progressive methods have constituted a valuable factor in the growing success of this undertaking. Born in Burlington in 1882, he is a son of James S. and Christina D. (Biklen) Klein. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1855, and in early life came to Burlington, where he formed the acquaintance of Miss Biklen, a native of this city. For thirty years he was a well known representative of commercial interests in Burlington, being engaged in the grocery business for three decades. He died in the year 1903 and his widow is now living abroad.

Their son, Arthur J. Klein, began his education in the public schools at the usual age and passed through consecutive grades until he had completed the high school course. He started upon his business career in connection with the grocery trade and was associated therewith until he joined the Northwestern Stamping Company in the fall of 1910. He has done much toward promoting its success. Becoming connected with the business, he made it his purpose to thoroughly acquaint himself with every phase of the trade and he has advanced well formulated plans that have contributed to the further growth of the business, which is now liberally patronized. The business was established under the name of the Northwestern Consolidated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company and was thus operated until September, 1911, when a reorganization was effected, the articles of incorporation amended and the name changed to the Northwestern Stamping Company. Its founders were its present officers, save Mr. Klein, who afterward became connected with the business. F. E. Ihrer is the president, W. W. Copeland, vice president; and Arthur J. Klein, secretary and manager. The company engages in the manufacture of dies and hardware specialties and

furnishes employment to sixteen workmen. They occupy a two-story brick building, seventy-five by thirty feet, and also have a large warehouse. The business has shown a marked increase during the past year and the trade now extends throughout the United States and Canada.

On the 5th of September, 1911, Mr. Klein was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Senti, of Burlington, and they have one son, James S., now two years of age. The parents are members of the German Evangelical church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part and to the support of which they contribute generously. Mr. Klein was also an earnest worker in securing funds for the building of the Young Men's Christian Association and served on several important committees which contributed to the success of the undertaking. His life, upright and honorable in every relation, has won for him the high regard and confidence of those with whom he has come in contact. Men speak of him in terms of warm esteem and he has a large circle of friends in his native city.

EDWARD RAPP.

Throughout his entire business career Edward Rapp has never dissipated his energies over a broad field, but has concentrated his efforts upon a single line of commercial activity with the result that he is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the jewelry trade and since embarking in business on his own account in that line has made steady and substantial progress.

Mr. Rapp is of the second generation of the family to reside in Burlington, where his birth occurred on the 31st of March, 1860. His parents were Jacob and Eva Maria (Koenig) Rapp, the former a native of Wurtemberg, and the latter of Bavaria, Germany. The father's birth occurred on the 1st of September, 1821, and in early life he learned the locksmith's trade, which he followed in Germany until 1851, when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, sailing from Havre, France, to New York. He settled first in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was employed for a year in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Allegheny City, finishing the metal works for the locomotives. In the east he wedded Eva Maria Koenig, who had come to the United States in the early '50s. They removed westward to Burlington in 1856 and the father followed the locksmith's trade in the employ of others until the early '60s, when he opened a shop of

his own, which he conducted successfully for many years, or until he retired from active business life about 1900. His remaining days were spent in the enjoyment of well earned rest until he was called to the home beyond on the 20th of November, 1913, when he had reached the very venerable age of ninety-two years. His widow survives and is now eighty-three years of age. A contemporary biographer, after referring to his business activity, says: "Such is a brief outline of his business career, but it tells nothing of his years of close application, unfaltering diligence, unabating energy and perseverance, and yet all those qualities have been salient features in his business career. He worked hard to build up a good trade, giving excellent service and charging moderate prices, and as the years passed by, his labors were rewarded by a large patronage, which in time brought to him a capital sufficient to enable him to lay aside further business cares in the line of his trade."

To Mr. and Mrs. Rapp were born three children, of whom Paulina died at the age of three years and William in early manhood. Edward Rapp and his mother are the only surviving members of the family. He attended the public schools until he had mastered branches of learning taught in the high school and later he attended Elliott's Business College. When a young man he became connected with the jewelry business, working for others for a few years. He was with M. C. Connor for a quarter of a century and upon the death of Mr. Connor in 1905 he purchased the business, which had been established in 1866 by the firm of Fix & Connor. The senior partner was connected therewith until he sold out in 1880. It was in the fall of that year that Mr. Rapp became connected with the business and thereafter was with Mr. Connor until the latter's death, since which time Mr. Rapp has been alone in conducting the enterprise. He has never deviated from the honorable principles which were instituted at the inception of the business, but has always kept in touch with the trend of progress and improvement. His stock of goods is large and carefully selected, is attractive and pleasing in arrangement and his sales have grown year by year.

In November, 1886, Mr. Rapp was united in marriage to Miss Flora E. Hermann, a daughter of Henry and Katherine (Dewein) Hermann. Her father, who was an early settler, came to Burlington in the '60s and was identified with commercial pursuits in this city to the time of his death. He has passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Rapp have become the parents of two children: Herbert, who is now associated with his father in business; and Paul F., who is attending the high school.

Mr Rapp is a valued member of several fraternal organizations, including the Elks, the Odd Fellows, the Moose and the Woodmen of the World. He also has membership with the Launch Club and with the Commercial Exchange. He attends the Congregational church and he gives his political indorsement to the democratic party. He is of that class of citizens who, representing the second generation of the family in Burlington, have profited by the efforts of the pioneers and early settlers and upon the foundation which the latter laid have built the superstructure of Burlington's present prosperity and greatness. Those who have met him in a business way speak in high terms of his courtesy, his geniality, his enterprise and reliability, and his social acquaintances entertain for him the warmest regard, recognizing in him a man of genuine personal worth.

J. GEORGE WALDSCHMIDT.

J. George Waldschmidt has since May, 1914, been cashier of the Iowa State Savings Bank in Burlington, his native city. He was born May 9, 1869, a son of Theodore and Elizabeth Waldschmidt. The latter, also a native of Burlington, was a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families, her parents being Francis and Christina Bercht, who came to Burlington in 1833, casting in their lot with the villagers who were attempting to extend civilization beyond the Mississippi by the establishment of homes and business interests at this point. Several years elapsed before Iowa was organized under territorial government and it was yet a long period ere Burlington had railway connection with the outside world. Mr. Bercht was a cabinetmaker by trade and opened the first furniture shop in the city. Theodore Waldschmidt came to Burlington in 1859 from Nebraska, whither he had located in an early day. He was a veteran of the Civil war and following his return from the army after victory had perched upon the federal banners, he established the Union Hotel of Burlington, which he conducted for a few years. He afterward filled the office of deputy sheriff and still later went upon the road as a traveling salesman, spending more than twenty years in that connection. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom but two are yet living, the sister of J. George Waldschmidt being Mrs. Charles U. Mesmer, of Burlington.

In the public schools of his native city J. George Waldschmidt acquired his education. No event of special importance occurred

to vary the routine of life for him in his boyhood and youth. When his school days were over he began work for the Burlington Insurance Company as an office employe and later turned his attention to financial pursuits by entering the service of the German American Savings Bank, in which he became the first assistant cashier. At a later date he engaged in the retail furniture business in connection with the J. V. Ritchey Furniture Company but was burned out in 1904. At that time he secured a situation in the Iowa State Savings Bank as teller and, working his way upward, was afterward assistant cashier, while in May, 1914, he was advanced to his present responsible and arduous position as cashier. He is thus actively connected with the financial interests of the city.

On the 23d of June, 1898, Mr. Waldschmidt was united in marriage to Miss Ada C. Bowen, of Iowa City, by whom he has two daughters, Mary and Eleanor. Mr. Waldschmidt holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen of the World and the Turners and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He is widely known in the city where his entire life has been passed and the possession of many substantial traits of character has gained for him the warm and enduring regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

M. U. BRIDWELL.

M. U. Bridwell is president of the Citizens State Bank at Mediapolis and occupies a creditable and enviable position in financial circles in this part of the state. He closely studies the banking business, keeps in touch with every phase of the financial situation and has been active in formulating the policy for this bank which has made it one of the safe, substantial institutions of the county.

Mr. Bridwell is a native of Mediapolis, born May 13, 1877. His parents, Elijah and Melinda (Seeds) Bridwell, were natives of Ross county, Ohio, and were brought to Des Moines county in childhood by their respective parents. In the family of Martin Bridwell, the paternal grandfather, were four children: Elijah; John, who enlisted from this county for service in the Civil war and was killed while at the front; Sophia, the deceased wife of M. J. Seeds; and Mrs. Martha Harper, of Kansas City. As stated, the Seeds family also arrived in this county in pioneer times when Melinda Seeds and Elijah Bridwell were both young. Here they reached adult age and

were married in the '60s. When their son M. U. Bridwell was four or five years of age they removed to What Cheer, Iowa, where they lived for three or four years, and on the expiration of that period took up their abode in Brighton, Iowa, where the father passed away in December, 1907, at the age of sixty-seven years. He had devoted his entire life to farming. His father, Martin Bridwell, on arriving in Des Moines county, entered a tract adjoining Mediapolis on the north and later, taking up his abode in the town, his son, Elijah Bridwell, took possession of the farm. In his political views the latter was a stalwart republican and he and his family were identified with the Methodist Episcopal church. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Brighton. To Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Bridwell were born five children, of whom two died in infancy, while Leona is the deceased wife of W. S. Husted. The surviving members of the family are Frank O. and M. U., the former now a resident of Keota, Iowa.

While M. U. Bridwell accompanied his parents to What Cheer and afterward to Brighton in his boyhood days, he returned to Mediapolis when twenty years of age and entered the Citizens Bank to learn the business. He has since been identified with this institution, serving as assistant cashier, as cashier and as vice president before being elected president in the year 1911. He acquired a high-school education at Brighton and liberal intellectual training qualified him for the responsible duties which came to him in connection with the banking business. His power and ability have gradually increased and he is today a most capable banker, thoroughly understanding every phase of the business. The Citizens State Bank is now capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars and has a surplus of fifty thousand dollars. It owns and occupies a fine business block, well equipped in every particular. The officers of the bank are: M. U. Bridwell, president; S. J. Huston, vice president; J. L. Jones, vice president; E. R. Nordstrom, cashier; and J. E. Berry, assistant cashier. The official statement of the bank, issued January, 1915, shows the institution to be in splendid condition and its business has grown year by year, its deposits now exceeding seven hundred thousand dollars.

In 1905 Mr. Bridwell was united in marriage to Miss Keo B. Luckenbill, a native of Huron township and a daughter of David H. Luckenbill, of Mediapolis. In politics Mr. Bridwell is a republican and for six years served as clerk of his town, while for the past six years he has been treasurer of Mediapolis. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the

Modern Woodmen of America. He is widely known and has substantial qualities which have given him high rank both as a business man and citizen. He represents one of the old pioneer families of the county, established here at an early day, and since that time the Bridwells of three generations have been factors in the development and upbuilding of the community.

CHARLES ARMKNECHT.

From the position of office boy to that of a leading merchant as a member of the oldest and one of the largest commercial establishments in Burlington is the record which compasses the business career of Charles Armknecht. The establishment of which he is now one of the members is conducted under the firm name of J. S. Schramm Company. Burlington owes much to her German-American citizens, men who have come from the fatherland, bringing with them the sterling qualities which have led to the upbuilding of the German empire and which have constituted a valuable force in the development and improvement of many sections of the new world.

In the kingdom of Bavaria Charles Armknecht was born December 23, 1850, his parents being Phillip and Fredericka (Diffenbach) Armknecht, who came to the United States in the fall of 1851. They landed at New Orleans and made their way at once into the interior of the country, settling in Lee county, Iowa, where the father followed his trade of wagon making. He also purchased a tract of land and carried on general farming in connection with the work in the shop. For seven years he lived upon the farm and then took up his abode in Franklin, Lee county, where he purchased ten acres, upon which he engaged in horticultural pursuits. There he resided until his death, which occurred in 1889, while his wife passed away about 1880.

Charles Armknecht spent much of his youth in Lee county, but in May, 1865, when fourteen years of age, came to Burlington, where he entered the employ of J. S. Schramm in the capacity of clerk. He has since been associated with the business continuously and following the death of Mr. Schramm in 1898 the business was reorganized, the partners in the undertaking being Charles Armknecht and Charles and Frank Schramm and other members of the Schramm family. In the meantime the subject of this review had steadily worked his way upward, his determination and energy carrying him

from one position to another, bringing with it added duties and responsibilities. In August, 1913, Charles Schramm was killed upon the river, at which time Mr. Armknecht and Frank Schramm took over the management of the business and are today managers of the oldest and one of the most extensive dry-goods establishments of Burlington. Since becoming clerk in the store Mr. Armknecht has thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the business and has exemplified in his life the spirit of modern progress in commercial fields. The company now carries a large and well selected line of goods, and their store is attractive by reason of its tasteful arrangement and popular because of its thoroughly reliable methods. The utmost care has ever been exercised in the personnel of the house, in the treatment accorded patrons and in the maintenance of an irreproachable standard of business integrity.

Mr. Armknecht is a member of the Commercial Exchange and is in hearty sympathy with its purposes and plans to advance the welfare and extend the trade connections of the city. He was one of the organizers of the old Driving Club and he still owns good driving horses. He belongs to the Launch Club, gives his political allegiance to the republican party and attends the Presbyterian church. These indicate something of the nature of his interests and activities outside of business. He is at all times actuated in his public activities by an earnest desire to advance the general welfare and he was one of the first to advocate good roads and has labored untiringly in that direction, being one of the promoters in the movement to better the highways of the state. While born across the water, practically his entire life has been spent in Iowa and he is a representative citizen of the state, proud of the commonwealth and at all times recognizing his duties and his obligations in the public life of the community.

C. S. HUTCHINS.

C. S. Hutchins, who has been connected with the Churchill Drug Company since its organization and who is recognized as one of the alert, energetic and enterprising business men of Burlington, is numbered among the native sons of New England, his birth having occurred at Bennington, Vermont, on the 20th of May, 1864. His parents were Thomas A. and Eliza B. (Squires) Hutchins. The father engaged in the lumber business in the east and was also postmaster of Bennington.

C. S. Hutchins spent the greater part of his minority in his native city and attended its public schools, but when seventeen years of age he sought the opportunities and advantages of the middle west and made his way to Burlington, where he entered the firm of C. P. Squires & Company. Since that time he has been a factor in the commercial circles of the city and since the consolidation of that company with the Churchill Drug Company he has been connected with the latter. He has made for himself a creditable name and place in mercantile circles, being regarded as a thoroughly reliable and enterprising man who embodies in his career the modern commercial spirit manifest in continuous advancement and development.

On the 22d of May, 1900, Mr. Hutchins was united in marriage to Miss Frances H. Potter, a daughter of Thomas J. Potter of this city. Mr. Hutchins holds membership in the Commercial Exchange. In politics he is a republican, well versed on the questions and issues of the day but not an office seeker. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and along benevolent and social lines he is connected with the Elks, the Golf Club and the Auto Club. For a third of a century he has been a resident of Burlington and during this period has gained an extensive circle of warm friends as well as made for himself a creditable position along commercial lines.

CHARLES BLANKE.

Charles Blanke is the secretary of the German-American Life Insurance Company of Iowa and has been connected with this organization since 1901, his efforts being a vital element in its success. He was born in Gasconade county, Missouri, July 15, 1851, and was educated in the county schools there to the age of fourteen years. He remained upon the home farm until he reached the age of eighteen and during that period utilized much of his leisure time in study at home. He then took up the profession of teaching in the schools of his native county and was identified with the profession until 1871, when he came to Burlington, where he taught for two years. A school was conducted in connection with the First German Methodist Episcopal church and he was the teacher thereof until 1873. He then turned his attention to the dry-goods business, entering the employ of C. F. and John Boesch and with them continued for ten years. On the expiration of that decade he took up the insurance and real-estate business in connection with his brother, S. D. Blanke. He carried



CHARLES BLANKE

on that business until 1901, when he became a factor in the organization of the German-American Life Insurance Company of Iowa, of which he was first assistant secretary, while in 1912 he was made secretary.

The company was founded by F. H. A. Koch in July, 1887, as an assessment company under the name of the German-American Mutual Life Association. In 1901 a reorganization was effected under the name of the German-American Equation Premium Life Association, changing to the equation premium from the assessment plan. In 1912, the laws of the state being such that legal reserve was necessary, they again reorganized under the present name and changed to the old line legal reserve plan. The business has grown rapidly since reorganization. They confine their attention solely to the issuance of policies in Iowa but expect within a year to extend their operations to other states. The present officers of the company are: P. C. Naumann, president; Lewis H. Koch, vice president; Charles Blanke, secretary; and Henry Miller, Jr., treasurer.

On the 26th of March, 1874, Mr. Blanke was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kostfeld, of Burlington, and to them has been born a daughter, Louise, whose birth occurred in 1875. She is now the wife of Dr. J. N. Patterson, of Burlington. Mr. Blanke gives his political support to the republican party, and he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and take an active part in the work of the church and the Sunday school. Their interest along the line of moral progress indicates the rules which govern their conduct and shape their character development.

E. J. WEHMAN, M. D.

Dr. E. J. Wehman has been a representative of the medical profession in Burlington since 1907 and specializes in his practice in internal medicine. He possesses the scientific knowledge and the broad humanitarian spirit each of which are indispensable in the attainment of the highest success. Born in Burlington on the 2d of October, 1881, Dr. Wehman is a son of Fred W. and Anna (Bosmeyer) Wehman. The father, a native of Germany and a cabinet-maker by trade, came to Burlington in 1858 and here followed his chosen occupation. His wife, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Bosmeyer, who came to Burlington at an early day in the development of this city. Her

grandfather also arrived at the same time—1858—and settled on Stony Lonesome, now Division street. He was a nurseryman.

Dr. Wehman is thus a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the city. He is a graduate of the Burlington public schools and in preparation for a professional career entered the St. Louis University, from which he was graduated in 1905 on the completion of a course in the medical department. He spent two and a half years in hospital service in St. Louis and in 1907 returned to Burlington, where he opened his office and has since followed his profession, specializing in internal medicine.

On the 1st of October, 1910, Dr. Wehman was united in marriage to Miss Ina B. Hildebrand, of Burlington, a daughter of John I. Hildebrand. Both Dr. and Mrs. Wehman are widely known in this city and have a large circle of warm friends. He belongs to the Phi Beta Pi, a college fraternity, while along strictly professional lines he has membership with the Des Moines County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In 1910 he was appointed city health physician and is now serving for the third term in that connection. He has made for himself a creditable name and place as a practitioner of medicine.

FRED WUELLNER.

Fred Wuellner, manufacturer of and dealer in farm implements, wagons, buggies, etc., has built up a business of substantial proportions, his plant comprising a three-story building sixty by one hundred and twenty feet and a warehouse. He belongs to that class of industrious, energetic and persistent business men that Germany has furnished to the new world. His birth occurred at Minden, Germany, on the 2d of March, 1860, his parents being Carl Heinrich and Louise (Hoppman) Wuellner, both of whom were natives of the fatherland. The former was born in 1820 and died May 20, 1890, when about seventy years of age. The latter was born August 17, 1825, and passed away on the 24th of June, 1912.

Fred Wuellner was educated in his native town and when eleven years of age came to the United States in company with his parents. They landed at New York and thence made their way directly across the country to Burlington, where they arrived in the year 1871. Here Fred Wuellner entered school but his course was somewhat limited. However, he studied at home and in the school of experience he has

also learned many valuable lessons. He began work with his father, who was engaged in truck gardening, and at the age of twenty-four years he started out independently, beginning gardening on his own account. For several years afterward he was engaged in the dairy business and purchased twelve acres of land at Mason Grove, now Mason street, in Burlington, which property he still owns and upon it stands his present comfortable residence. He continued actively in the dairy business until about 1896, when he withdrew from that connection and concentrated his efforts upon the contracting business, in which he remained until about 1907.

Mr. Wuellner then branched out along manufacturing lines, beginning the building of wagons, which he placed upon the market under the name of the Burlington wagon—a name that is today known throughout the entire country. The new enterprise prospered from the beginning. He utilized excellent materials and expert workmanship became a feature of every wagon turned out from the factory. By reason of these qualities the product soon found a ready sale and his trade interests reached out along ramifying lines until today his wagons are found in all sections of the United States. About two years ago Mr. Wuellner further extended the scope of his business to include farm implements, buggies and engines of all descriptions and today he has a large warehouse for the storage of these, in addition to the three-story building, sixty by one hundred and twenty feet, which is used for manufacture and sale and which is equipped with the latest improved machinery necessary in the construction of the machinery, implements and vehicles which he handles. He employs sixteen men and now enjoys a very gratifying trade throughout Des Moines and Lee counties and across the river in Illinois. Two years ago his eldest son, Frank, was admitted to a partnership.

On the 24th of October, 1889, Mr. Wuellner was united in marriage to Miss Magdaline Tiemann. Six children have been born of this marriage: Frank, who wedded Augusta Schmidt, of Amsterdam, New York, on the 24th of April, 1912, and has one daughter, Beatrice; Mattie, Alvin and Mildred, all at home; and Reuben and Paul, twins, who are also under the parental roof.

Mr. Wuellner exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Evangelical church, of which he has been a trustee for nine years. He is also a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school and in all lines of church work he and his wife have taken a most active and helpful part. His father was one of the trustees of the same church, aided in erecting the house of worship and acted

as church treasurer until the time of his death. Mr. Wuellner's business ever balances up with the principles of truth and honor and his life has been actuated by high purposes. His enterprise and the nobility of his character have firmly established him in the warm regard of his fellow townsmen. •

GEORGE J. FINCK.

George J. Finck is the president of the Cave Coal Company of Burlington, with which he has been identified since 1909. He was born in San Francisco on the 13th of January, 1875, a son of George and Zora A. (Moffatt) Finck. The father's birth occurred in Epipigen, Germany, while the mother was born in Augusta, Iowa.

George Finck was brought to America by his mother when four years of age. Two sons of the family had previously gone on ahead and were located in New York city. When a young man George Finck went to San Francisco and there met the lady whom he made his wife. She was a daughter of Levi Moffatt, who went to California in 1849 with his three sons, and Zora A. Moffatt was visiting her brothers in that state when she formed the acquaintance of Mr. Finck, who successfully sought her hand in marriage. For twelve years they remained residents of California and then returned to Burlington in the year 1885. Her father, Levi Moffatt, had come to Des Moines county in 1834 when a man of thirty-four years, his birth having occurred in 1800. He was one of the first settlers here and he took up government land along the Skunk river. He operated the first flour mill in Iowa and the millstones which he used are now a feature of historic interest in the city park. He also founded the town of Augusta, where he established both flour and saw mills. He was one of the most prominent factors in the colonization and development of the state, having brought forty families from Ohio and founded the settlement of Augusta. Mr. George Finck had been engaged in the jewelry business in California and after residing for a time in Burlington he left his family in this city while he went to Chicago, where he established a wholesale jewelry store. There he conducted business up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1896. His widow survives and is yet a resident of Burlington. In their family were four children: Zora, the wife of E. M. Hurd, of El Paso, Texas; George J., of this review; Lillie, the wife of F. S. Fear, who is living in Burlington; and Moffatt, also of this city.

George J. Finck was a lad of about ten years when his parents returned to Burlington and in the public schools he pursued his education until graduated from the high school. In 1899 he became connected with the coal trade in Denver, Colorado, in connection with E. M. Hurd and was thus engaged until 1901, when he returned to Burlington and entered the employ of the Hosford Coal Company. He was afterward associated with the Millard Coal Company and in 1909 purchased an interest in the Cave Coal Company. Following the death of Mr. Cave his interest was purchased by F. S. Fear, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The association between Mr. Finck and Mr. Fear still continues and business is still carried on under the name of the Cave Coal Company. They enjoy an extensive patronage, to which the reliable business methods of the firm justly entitle them.

On the 16th of October, 1906, Mr. Finck was married to Miss Mary Roades Brooks, a daughter of J. W. Brooks, and they have one child, Mary Louise. Mr. Finck holds membership with the United Commercial Travelers, as does his partner Mr. Fear, and the firm has membership in the Commercial Exchange. He is a member of the Golf Club and the Shokoquom Boat Club, associations which indicate something of the nature of his recreation. In politics he is independent, but is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, giving earnest support to many measures which are of value to the community.

HENRY C. KOESTNER.

Henry C. Koestner, president of the Sanitary Milk Company and as such proprietor of a profitable dairy business, makes his home three and a half miles southwest of Burlington. He was born in the city, July 11, 1867, a son of Charles and Philomena (Gebhardt) Koestner. His father still resides on Madison road and is represented elsewhere in this volume. The son attended the country schools and the parochial schools and still later was a pupil in Elliott's Business College. He afterward remained with his father upon the home farm until his marriage and has always followed agricultural pursuits.

On the 10th of February, 1891, Mr. Koestner was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Brune, who was born in Westphalia, Germany,

September 23, 1870, a daughter of Theodore and Sophia (Sommers) Brune, both of whom passed away in Germany.

Following his marriage Mr. Koestner settled upon the farm where he still resides and has always been engaged in the dairy business. He is one of the leading men in his line in this section of the state. The farm is owned and was improved by his father and Henry C. Koestner is further carrying on the work of development and cultivation. He also rents and cultivates a part of the Peter Smith farm. He is a very progressive and energetic agriculturist and there is probably no one better known in the city or county in connection with the dairy business than he. For a number of years he drove the wagon himself and he made acquaintances and friends in all parts of the city. He has always been a booster for Burlington and Burlington made goods, and his business affairs have always been carefully and systematically conducted, bringing to him good returns.

To Mr. and Mrs. Koestner three children have been born. Philomena Anna, born September 30, 1894, was graduated from St. John's parochial school and is now at home with her parents. Bathilda Mary, born October 23, 1897, also attended a parochial school, from which she graduated, and Elliott's Business College and is now connected with that institution. Katherine Louise, born January 19, 1899, is attending St. John's parochial school.

In politics Mr. Koestner is an active democrat, recognized as one of the leading party workers in his community, and he has served as chairman of the township committee. To his children he is giving excellent advantages and his chief interest centers in his family. He has provided for them an automobile and many other things which add to the comfort and pleasure of life. He is well situated in a business way and his success is the merited reward of his labors.

J. H. SCHIER.

J. H. Schier is one of the owners of the Burlington Willow Ware Shops, is president of the company and as such is conducting one of the most important productive industries of the city. He was born in Burlington, September 2, 1881, and is a son of Joseph and Katherine (Eibes) Schier. The father was a native of Germany and a son of Herman Schier, who brought his family to Burlington in the year 1864. In early life Joseph Schier learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for many years. He is now living in Davenport. His wife,

a native of Burlington, is a daughter of Joseph Eibes, one of the pioneer settlers of this city and in later life a farmer.

J. H. Schier is the elder of two children, his sister being Antoinette, who became the wife of James Dugan, a resident of Rock Island, Illinois. In the parochial schools of Burlington Mr. Schier pursued his early education and afterward studied for the priesthood in St. Benedict's College at Atchison, Kansas, for five years, but, abandoning his plans of taking holy orders, he attended Elliott's Business College of Burlington for a year and then secured a position with the house of A. Booth & Company of this city. He afterward became an employe of the Burlington Basket Company, with which he was connected for six years, and at the end of that time he with Arthur Schwerin, bought out the Burlington Willow Ware Shops. His previous experience with the basket company well qualified him for the tasks which he undertook in the latter connection. He thoroughly understands the trade, knows the marketable value of such articles and by reason of his personal experience is able to direct the labors of those who are in his employ. The products of the shops now have an extensive sale and excellence of manufacture constitutes one of the features of his growing prosperity.

The business of which he is now the head was incorporated December 1, 1908, with E. A. Florang as the president, O. E. Florang, vice president, Arthur Schwerin, secretary, and J. H. Schier, treasurer. In 1911 Mr. Schier and Mr. Schwerin purchased the interests of the others in the Burlington Willow Ware Shops and the present officers are J. H. Schier, president and manager; F. G. Nelson, vice president; and Arthur Schwerin, secretary and treasurer, Mr. Nelson having purchased an interest in the business in 1913. The factory is located at Nos. 205 to 211 Washington street and at Nos. 207 and 209 Main street, forming an L with frontage on both streets. They occupy three stories and basement of the building, having twenty-five thousand square feet of floor space. They manufacture willow baskets and willow furniture and also do a jobbing trade in baskets of foreign manufacture. All work is done by hand and they employ thirty-two people. They buy willow from New York and Indiana and also from Mr. Florang, who is the owner of a willow farm. The firm now has four traveling salesmen upon the road and their trade covers the United States east of Omaha, their sales being made in the larger towns and cities. This is one of the few factories of the kind in the United States and the only one in Iowa. They are now specializing in the manufacture of willow furniture and, the output being most attractive and the prices reasonable, their sales are increasing so

that the business has become one of the important productive industries of Burlington.

On the 11th of July, 1906, Mr. Schier was united in marriage to Miss Laura H. Keller, a daughter of Henry Keller, and they have become parents of three sons and a daughter: Joseph Elmer, Catherine, Herbert and Henry. Mr. Schier's name is on the membership rolls of the United Workmen, the Travelers Protective Association and the Commercial Exchange. The democratic party finds in him a stalwart supporter and one who in a quiet but effective way does everything in his power for the adoption of its principles. He belongs to the Iowa State Manufacturers Association, formed to promote and further the interests of manufacturers in this state. Discussion of trade conditions leads to the solution of many intricate business problems and the organization has been one of value to manufacturers. The large percentage of German citizens in Burlington makes it evident that the city owes much of her development to Teutonic enterprise and ambition.

ALFRED WIESLEY.

Alfred Wiesley, commissioner of public safety in Burlington, was born in Bern, Switzerland, October 19, 1880. He is a son of Lewis and Rose Wiesley, who came to America with their family about 1884. The father passed away in 1904, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Aplington, Iowa.

Alfred Wiesley was a little lad of but four summers when the family came to the new world, settling first at St. Louis, where they remained for a year. They then went to Milwaukee, where they resided for two years and on the expiration of that period removed to Coal City, Illinois, where they continued for four years. Alfred Wiesley attended school in both Milwaukee and Coal City and afterward spent two years as a pupil in the schools of Joliet, Illinois, while the family there resided. At the end of that time a removal was made to Winona, Minnesota. The father was a minister of the gospel and this occasioned the various removals of the family as he was called from one pastorate to another. When eighteen years of age Alfred Wiesley started out in the business world as a clerk at Eureka, South Dakota, where he continued for four years and then went to Parkston, South Dakota, where he was connected with a hardware store as manager for two years. On the expiration of that period

he went to Aplington, Iowa, where he remained for three years in the hardware business and then came to Burlington. Here he turned his attention to the decorating and paper hanging business and in 1911 he joined with others in organizing the Cooperative Supply Company, of which he was the manager until he received appointment to his present position as commissioner of public safety, in which office he is making an excellent record by his capability and fidelity. He now has charge of the police and fire department of the city.

On the 21st of May, 1900, Mr. Wiesley wedded Miss Barbara Bernhorn, a native of Berlin, Germany, and they now have one son, Herbert, eleven years of age, who is attending school. Mr. Wiesley holds membership with the Loyal Order of Moose. His political views are in accord with the principles of the socialist party and his religious faith is that of the German Baptist church. He greatly enjoys fishing and his hours of recreation are largely spent in that way. The city finds him a public-spirited man, anxious and willing to cooperate in all measures for the general good, and he is popular with those with whom he has been brought in contact.

CHARLES KRIECHBAUM.

Charles Kriechbaum is at the head of the Kaut & Kriechbaum Company, controlling the oldest hardware establishment of Burlington and doing a general business as metal contractors. Charles Kriechbaum is another representative of the German-American citizenship which in the second generation has been such an important factor in the development and upbuilding of Burlington.

Mr. Kriechbaum was born in this city, September 9, 1846, a son of John Philip and Elizabeth (Funk) Kriechbaum, both of whom were natives of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. They came to America, however, in early life and were married in Burlington in 1840. The father was a son of Peter Kriechbaum, who brought his family to the United States in the early part of the nineteenth century and settled in Pennsylvania. Subsequently he removed westward to Illinois, taking up his abode in Bellville, and from that place John P. Kriechbaum and his brother came to Burlington, the latter arriving in 1840, while the former came in 1837. He found here a little hamlet constituting one of the Mississippi river ports. Iowa, however, at that time was still under territorial rule as a part of Wisconsin and

there were many sections of the state into which white men had not yet penetrated and even the river towns gave little evidence of the growth and development which was so soon to change this part of the state. John P. Kriechbaum was engaged in the cooperage business, opening the first establishment of that kind in Burlington. He conducted the business until 1860 and then retired, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He was a highly respected pioneer of Burlington and the family for many years has been well known here. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Kriechbaum were also early settlers of this city, Adam coming here in 1834, Fred in the early '40s, William in the later '50s, and Mrs. Kaut and Mrs. Schaffer both coming at an early day. Five generations of the family either lie buried or are living in Burlington.

Charles Kriechbaum, reared in Burlington, acquired a public-school education and in early life learned the tinner's trade. At length he engaged in business on his own account as proprietor of a tin shop and it was but a logical step from that to the hardware trade. In 1871 the firm of Kaut & Kriechbaum was organized by George Kaut and Charles Kriechbaum for the conduct of a hardware business at No. 315 Jefferson street, where they remained for ten years. A removal was then made to the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, where they continued for about five years, and at the end of that time they returned to No. 315 Jefferson street. Fire, however, destroyed their store in 1890. The place was afterward rebuilt and the firm returned to the Wyman-Rand building, where they continued for another decade. When the Tama building was erected at No. 304 Jefferson street, they removed to the new business block, where they still continue. This is the oldest hardware firm of Burlington in years of continuous existence. Mr. Kaut died in November, 1910, after which the company was incorporated on the 1st of February, 1911. The present officers are Charles Kriechbaum, president and treasurer; Theodore Kriechbaum, vice president; and H. W. Gretzinger, secretary. They conduct business as dealers in general hardware and also take contracts for metal work.

In 1871 Mr. Kriechbaum was united in marriage to Miss Maria Voigt, of Peoria, Illinois, and they have become parents of five children: Anna C., the wife of Frank Robinson, a resident of La Grange, Illinois, where he is attorney for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company; Ida, the wife of F. A. Soleman, a druggist living at Tama, Iowa; Jessie, the wife of Ward Walker, of California; Marie, at home; and Carl V., an electrical engineer living at home.

Mr. Kriechbaum gives his political indorsement to the republican party. He belongs to the Commercial Exchange, the Odd Fellows lodge and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. For almost a half century Mr. Kriechbaum has been connected with the hardware trade in Burlington and there is no feature of the city's development along that line with which he is not familiar. His place in business circles has been won through earnest, honest labor and his standing as a merchant is a merited tribute to his ability.

W. L. COOPER.

W. L. Cooper, engaged in the general practice of law at Burlington, was born in Henderson county, Illinois, July 3, 1855, and is a son of John and Eliza (Deane) Cooper. His father was a native of Ireland and ere leaving that country had charge of canal boats as a captain. Crossing the Atlantic to the new world, he established his home in Illinois, where he followed the occupation of farming.

W. L. Cooper supplemented his preliminary education by study in Denmark Academy in Lee county, Iowa, graduating in the class of 1873. The following autumn he entered the University of Virginia, where in 1874 he received a certificate of proficiency in constitutional and international law. He afterward entered the University of Michigan in preparation for the bar and was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in the class of 1876, and admitted to practice in the courts of the state of Michigan. The same year he came to Burlington and entered the office of Hall & Baldwin, where he remained until 1879. In 1876 he was admitted to practice in the courts of Iowa, and in February, 1877, by the supreme court of Illinois to practice in the courts of that state. Later he was admitted to practice in the United States circuit courts for the southern district of Iowa. In April, 1879 he entered into partnership with H. A. Kelley, an association that was maintained for more than twenty-one years, or until October, 1900. Since that time Mr. Cooper has been alone in practice. For many years he was general attorney for the Burlington & North Western Railway and the Burlington & Western Railway but now devotes his attention to the general practice of law, representing several corporations. He is well known as an able representative of the profession, and one who is strictly ethical in his practice. He prepares his cases with thoroughness and care, and his presentation of his cause is always strong and forceful. He belongs

to the Burlington Bar Association and also to the Iowa State Bar Association.

On October 14, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cooper and Miss Matilda E. Teuscher of Burlington. In politics he is independent, nor has he ever been an office seeker, although he served as United States circuit court commissioner until the office was abolished. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated by the fact that he is a member of the Golf Club. He belongs also to the Masonic fraternity, is a past master of Malta Lodge, No. 318, A. F. & A. M., has attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite, the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. In his church affiliations Mr. Cooper is an Episcopalian. He has served as vestryman almost continuously since 1887 and has been treasurer of the church for the last ten years.

MERRILL LEEBRICK WOOTTEN, D. V. S.

Dr. Merrill Leebrick Wootten, a prominent and successful veterinary surgeon practicing in Burlington and through the surrounding country, was born in the city where he still resides in April, 1884, his parents being James T. and Josephine (Worrell) Wootten, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He acquired his education in the public schools near his father's home and being a lover of fine horses from his early boyhood, it was but natural that he should take up the study of veterinary surgery. With the intention of making the practice his life work he entered the Veterinary College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in the class of 1909. He first practiced for two years in Brighton, Iowa, and in October, 1912, returned to his birthplace, where he has since been engaged in his chosen profession. He has a large and growing practice and is highly thought of as a business and professional man. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought and investigations of veterinary science and his efforts have been attended by a remarkable degree of success. He learned the trade of harness-making in early life but his natural tendency was manifest in his love for and care of horses and this naturally led him to take up the profession in which he has excelled.

In politics Dr. Wootten has always been a staunch republican, giving earnest and unfaltering support to the principles of the party. He is also an Odd Fellow, belonging to Washington Lodge, and he

is widely known in this connection. Practically his entire life has been passed in Burlington, and he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

HON. THOMAS G. HARPER.

At the bar of Burlington Hon. Thomas G. Harper has gained distinction. He is well known as a writer and perhaps even better known because of his public service as a member of the upper house of the general assembly and his close identification with various movements looking toward the welfare and upbuilding of the commonwealth. Far-sighted, sagacious, level-headed and public-spirited, there has been no question as to the intrinsic value and worth of his efforts for the public good.

Mr. Harper was born in Greene county, Ohio, on the 13th of January, 1853, a son of Parker B. and Nancy (Grieve) Harper, the former a contractor and builder, who in the year 1857 removed with his family to Mercer county, Illinois, where he resided until 1861 and then went to Monmouth, Illinois. At the time of the Civil war he was commissioned captain by Governor Yates and was put in charge of a construction crew. He built the bridge over the Tennessee river at Chattanooga after the battle of Lookout Mountain and throughout the remainder of the war was with the command of General Thomas doing construction work. When hostilities were over he returned to his home in Monmouth, Illinois, where he remained until his death. His son, Robert M. Harper, was a soldier of the Seventeenth Illinois Infantry and was killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing.

Thomas G. Harper acquired a public-school education and also attended the academy at Xenia, Ohio. He determined upon a professional career and, thinking to find the practice of law congenial, he began reading under the direction of Judge William C. Norcross at Monmouth, Illinois, and was admitted to the bar at Mount Vernon, that state, in November, 1880. He then located for practice at Roseville, Illinois, where he remained until 1883, when he came to Burlington, Iowa, as attorney for the Burlington Insurance Company, which he thus represented for thirteen years. On the expiration of that period he was elected to the Iowa senate and served through the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth general assemblies and through the special session of the twenty-sixth. He was connected with much

important constructive legislation and he gave most careful consideration to every question that came up for settlement. He was instrumental in holding the semi-centennial of Iowa at Burlington and he secured the passage of a number of bills aiding in the construction of Crapo Park. His influence and his efforts were ever on the side of progress and improvement and he left the impress of his individuality for good upon the laws enacted during his connection with the senate.

Upon his retirement from the general assembly Mr. Harper opened a law office in Burlington, where he has since engaged in general practice. He has a keen, rapid, logical mind plus the business sense, and a ready capacity for hard work. An excellent presence, an earnest, dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law, and the ability to accurately apply its principles are factors in his effectiveness as an advocate. In following his profession he has practiced for individuals and not for corporations. He is national attorney for the Chicago School of Naprapathy, a system of treatment which attributes all disease to disorders in the ligaments and connective tissue, whereby healing is effected through manipulation of the flesh. He has never lost a case in defending his clients of that school.

While enjoying a large and distinctively representative clientage that makes heavy demands upon his time and energies, Mr. Harper, nevertheless, finds opportunity to cooperate in public movements and his service has been of inestimable value along many lines. Ever a friend of the public-school system, he did active work in its behalf during three years' connection with the board of education. He served for nine years as president of the Iowa State Good Roads Committee and has long been interested and active in furthering the movement for the establishment of an adequate system of fine public highways. He was sent as the Iowa delegate to Washington to a meeting composed of delegates from all the states to aid in securing the passage of the Latimer-Brown bill asking for an appropriation of twenty million dollars to be distributed among the various states for the development of good roads. Of that committee Mr. Harper was elected chairman. He succeeded in having the bill introduced, but the law was never passed. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party.

Mr. Harper has two daughters: Mrs. Beryl L. Burg, the wife of Herbert E. Burg, of Burlington; and Edna Helen, at home. The latter is a graduate of the State University and was given a life teacher's certificate, but has never engaged in teaching. Mr. Harper

belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and has been grand master of the latter, while at the present time he is the sitting past grand master. He is also connected with the Maccabees and the Woodmen of the World. He is not identified with any church, but is a worker for good, and is a writer of note on religious and other subjects. Nature endowed him with keen mentality and his mental powers have been used not only in the solution of intricate legal problems but also in solving questions which have to do with the welfare and progress of city, county, state and nation. His life's activities have been far-reaching in their interests and purposes and his service has been one of benefit and value to his fellowmen.

A. J. BENNER.

A. J. Benner is president of the Benner Tea Company, one of the important business concerns of Burlington. He was born in Pella, Iowa, June 18, 1869, and the following year was brought by his parents to this city, where at the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools and supplemented the training therein received by a year's study in Elliott's Business College. He left school when fifteen years of age and received practical training in commercial methods as an employe in a dry-goods store. He secured a situation with the firm of Boesch & Company and it was while with that house that he pursued his commercial course in Elliott's Business College. For fifteen and a half years he remained with the firm of Boesch & Company, advancing step by step as his powers developed and he proved his capability and trustworthiness. It was with deep regret on the part of his employers that he severed his connection with the business, but he was desirous of engaging in business on his own account and entered into active connection with the tea trade as a stockholder in what is now the Benner Tea Company.

This business was founded about thirty years ago by Otto Lorenz and was conducted under the name of Latona Mills. In 1899 Mr. Benner purchased the interest of Mr. Lorenz in the business, which was reorganized under the name of the Home Tea Company. In 1908 the business was incorporated and became the Benner Tea Company, with A. J. Benner as president; W. F. Rensch, of Waterloo, Iowa, as vice president; and P. G. Benner as secretary. Theirs is one of the important industries of this character in the state. The

home office has always been maintained at Burlington but they now have branch establishments in Keokuk, Ottumwa, Waterloo and Cedar Rapids in order to facilitate rapid delivery and bring the source of supply in closer touch with the demand. The house handles tea, coffee, spices and baking powder. They buy in car load lots. They have a roasting plant in Burlington and make this their distributing center. As the years have gone on, the business has steadily increased and the trade now covers a wide territory, for the house has an unassailable reputation for reliability and promptness as well as for the excellence of the goods handled.

Mr. Benner was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude N. Smith, of Burlington, who acquired her education in the schools of this city and at Nauvoo, Illinois, where she was graduated from the high school. Three children have been born unto them: Lauren, nineteen years of age, who has completed the high-school course and is now attending Ames College; Gertrude, sixteen years of age, a high-school pupil; and Florence, aged thirteen, also in school.

Mr. Benner is well known in Masonic circles and has attained the Knight Templar degree in St. Omar Commandery. He is also identified with the Woodmen of the World. His political belief is that of the republican party and his religious faith that of the Presbyterian church. He was very active in the work of securing the building for the Young Men's Christian Association and is now serving on its board of directors. He belongs to the Crystal Lake Fishing Club and takes an active interest in athletics. He is also president of the Automobile Club. His is a well rounded character in which the activities and interests of life are evenly balanced. In matters of citizenship he is never remiss but cooperates in all plans and projects for the general good and his worth is widely acknowledged in many relations.

EDWARD HAGEMANN.

Edward Hagemann, dean among Burlington's bankers, has been associated with the Iowa State Savings Bank since its organization. Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in business circles of Burlington, not alone by reason of the success which he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward and reliable business methods which he has ever



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followed—methods which at all times would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

Mr. Hagemann was born in Germany, in 1830, and spent the period of his minority in the fatherland, coming to the United States in 1853. He made his way first to Chicago, where he remained for two years, and in 1855 came to Burlington. With the development, upbuilding and progress of the city he has since been continuously connected and has done not a little toward molding public policy and advancing public interests here. In the period of his early residence he located various land warrants through Iowa for a Baltimore firm and he also engaged in clerking in Burlington stores. Gradually he advanced, working his way steadily upward and gaining recognition by his close application, his unfaltering industry and the ability which he displayed. In 1865 he embarked in the wholesale grocery business in partnership with Charles Starker and for ten years concentrated his attention upon the development and extension of the trade, theirs becoming one of the important commercial enterprises of the city. In 1875 he retired from the grocery business and has since been a leading factor in financial circles in Burlington.

In August, 1874, the Iowa State Savings Bank was established by E. D. Rand, J. C. Peasley, Charles Starker and E. Hagemann, Mr. Starker becoming the president. The institution was organized as a state bank, capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars, and was located at Main and Market streets in a brick building. Subsequently a removal was made to the corner of Main and Valley streets, occupying space in the Odd Fellows building. In June, 1904, their location was changed to the corner of Third and Jefferson streets and in 1913 the present eight-story business block owned by the bank was erected. This is the largest bank of Burlington and is regarded as one of the most safe and reliable in all the Mississippi valley. At the outset its promoters recognized the fact that that bank is most worthy of patronage which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors. Progressiveness has ever been tempered by conservatism, an even balance being maintained between the two. The bank has enjoyed a steady, healthful growth until its business now exceeds that of any other banking institution of the city. Mr. Hagemann has been continuously connected with the active management since 1875. He was chosen a director on the organization, was afterward vice president and in 1898 was elected to the presidency, in which connection he still continues, and the success of the institution is in large measure the expression of his business ability, enterprise,

sound judgment and his ready understanding of intricate financial problems.

Mr. Hagemann was married in 1853 to Miss Katherine Bachmann, of Germany, and the only child of that marriage, like the mother, is deceased. Mr. Hagemann afterward wedded Mrs. Emma Meyer, of Burlington, who has also passed away. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and his efforts have furthered public progress along many lines relating to the material development of the city, to its substantial improvement and to its civic progress.

WILLIAM B. KELLEY.

William B. Kelley has the distinction of having been among the first boys admitted to the Burlington high school. He started out in the business world as an office boy and has advanced steadily until he now occupies the responsible position of manager of the Burlington office for the Bradstreet Company.

Mr. Kelley was born in this city, September 23, 1850, a son of George W. and Margaret (King) Kelley, the former a native of Kentucky, while the latter was a daughter of William B. King, a native of Virginia, from which state he removed to St. Louis at an early day. The parents of William B. Kelley met and were married in St. Louis and thence made the river trip to Burlington, Iowa, in 1835, this being their wedding journey. They found a tiny village bearing no resemblance to the metropolitan center known today. The father opened a general store which he conducted for several years or until his stock was destroyed by fire. He built one of the first substantial houses on top of the hill on North Main street, using black walnut in its construction, and this dwelling is still standing. In the early days that locality was known as "Kelley's Hill." In 1851, attracted by the discovery of gold in California and by business opportunities which in consequence were afforded there, he made his way to the Pacific coast, where he died of fever in 1863. His wife passed away in 1893, in Burlington, where she had remained with her children while her husband went to the coast in search of fortune. In the family were four children: Mary J., who is the widow of P. K. Wilson and makes her home in Burlington; George E., who died in 1903; Margaret, at home; and William B. Mrs. Wilson has a daughter, Gertrude, and all of the family live together.

William B. Kelley acquired a public-school education and, passing through consecutive grades, was qualified to enter the Burlington high school at the time it was established, being among the first boys admitted thereto. When his text-books were put aside he started out in the business world on his own account, securing a situation as office boy in the wholesale hat and cap house of H. S. Phillips. Afterward he was with the firm of Phillips & Hawkins, wholesale dealers in hats and caps, and subsequently was connected with various lines of business. In 1879 he began work for the Bradstreet Company, with which he remained for eight years. He was afterward in other connections until 1899 and then again joined the Bradstreet Company, with which he has now been associated for fifteen years. In 1902 he was made manager of the Burlington office and so continues, having in this capacity supervision over twenty surrounding counties.

Mr. Kelley is a member of the Commercial Exchange and co-operates in all of its plans and projects for the upbuilding and development of the city along business lines. His political indorsement is given the republican party and he has ever been interested in its success but not as an office seeker. He represents one of the oldest families of the city and has himself been a witness of its progress and development through sixty-four years, so that his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

E. FRY.

E. Fry is one of the wide-awake, progressive and successful merchants of Mediapolis. He has been identified with business interests here from pioneer times and is now enjoying an excellent patronage as a furniture dealer and undertaker. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of September, 1847, and is a son of George and Sarah (Wolever) Fry, who were also natives of the same locality and there spent their entire lives upon a farm. In their family were eleven children, of whom E. Fry was the tenth in order of birth, and four of the number are yet living.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth E. Fry remained at his parents' home in the east, acquiring his education in the public schools and performing such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority. The opportunities of the growing middle west attracted

him, however, and on the 7th of March, 1867, when he was in the twentieth year of his age, he came to Iowa. After spending three years in Burlington he removed to Mediapolis, where he has since made his home. He had followed farming before coming here and subsequent to his arrival in this state he learned the carpenter's trade, eventually conducting business as a contractor, his work taking him to various sections of the county. Thirty-three years ago he entered the furniture and undertaking business, purchasing a half interest in the furniture store of Dan Kelley, after which the business was conducted under the firm style of Fry & Kelley, for thirteen years. Their stock included hardware and furniture and at the end of that time Mr. Kelley took over the hardware business and Mr. Fry remained proprietor of the furniture store, which he conducted alone until he admitted his son to a partnership under the present firm name of E. Fry & Son. He erected the present store building, which is one of the best in the town—a two story brick structure with basement ninety-six by thirty-six feet. There is also a warehouse across the alley twenty-six by sixty feet. He occupies the entire building with a stock of furniture, chinaware and undertaking goods. His establishment has the reputation of being the best store in the state outside of the larger cities. He carries an attractive line of goods and his patrons are many. He has ever been thoroughly reliable in his dealings, the house sustaining an unassailable reputation for business integrity as well as enterprise. Mr. Fry also owns one hundred and twenty acres of land two miles north of Yarmouth. In Mediapolis he has erected a good home and made many other improvements upon the property where he resides. There were only two dwellings in Mediapolis and one store when he took up his abode here, and he has lived to see the little hamlet become a flourishing, enterprising town with many evidences of the progressive spirit of its leading citizens.

In Burlington, on the 30th of June, 1869, Mr. Fry was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Messenger, who was born in Chenango county, New York, January 18, 1848, a daughter of Samuel and Eunice (Miner) Messenger, natives of New York and Connecticut respectively. The father died in the Empire state in 1861 and the mother afterward removed with her family to Yellow Springs, Iowa, in 1862. Here her remaining days were passed, her death occurring in 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Fry have become parents of four children: Lulu, the wife of the Rev. W. H. McDonald, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church in Illinois, by whom she has three children, Foss, Joyce and Ruth; Arthur Charles, who is in partnership with his father; Willard, who died at the age of two years; and

Clarence Dale, at home. He is married and has one child, Howard. Arthur Charles Fry wedded Bessie Statham and has four children, Paul, Harriet, Lawrence and Doris.

Mr. Fry gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He is also a member of the Presbyterian church and the consensus of public opinion ranks him as an honorable and upright man, worthy of high regard because of an active and well spent life. He has been deeply interested in the upbuilding of the community in which he makes his home and has contributed in large measure to its progress and development.

JOHN. A. GREGG.

John A. Gregg is well known in commercial circles of Iowa because of the long period which he has spent as a traveling salesman. He still devotes five months of the year to the road and since 1894 has also conducted an office in Burlington, where he represents ten manufacturers of hardware, selling to the jobbing trade. Throughout the entire period of his business career he has been connected with hardware houses and there is no feature of the business that is not familiar to him. He was born in Burlington on the 24th of April, 1857, and is a son of Samuel and Barbara (Ramsey) Gregg. The father was a native of Ireland and with his parents came to the new world, the family home being established in Nova Scotia. Later he crossed the border that divides Canada and the United States and made his way to Washington, D. C., where he conducted business as a contractor. In 1855 he arrived in Burlington and purchased a farm at the head of Flint Hills, devoting several years there to general agricultural pursuits. In 1859, however, he returned to Washington and continued to make his home in the capital city until his death.

John A. Gregg remained in Burlington with an aunt and was reared in her home. Her husband was John H. Armstrong, who came to Burlington in the early '30s and was an active business man of the city in pioneer times. John A. Gregg attended the public schools to the age of fourteen years, and then started out in the business world to earn his own living, becoming an employe in the wholesale house of Donahue & McCosh, wholesale hardware dealers. He

was afterward with John W. Gates in the St. Louis office, and still later with the Oliver Wire Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, traveling from Burlington during his connection with these different firms. He was also at one time with the Hawkeye Wire Company, and as the years passed he gained comprehensive knowledge of every phase of the hardware business. In 1894 he opened an office in Burlington and now represents ten hardware manufacturers, selling to the jobbing trade. He calls on the trade personally, covering all the middle west, visiting the leading jobbing centers. He knows manufacturers and where the best goods of different kinds may be obtained, and his close application, unremitting diligence and well defined purpose have been the factors in bringing to him a growing success.

On the 8th of February, 1894, Mr. Gregg was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Mauritzen, of Denmark, who after leaving her native country went to England and subsequently came to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg are widely and favorably known in this city, in which they have so long resided, having here an extensive circle of warm friends. Mr. Gregg votes with the democratic party and he holds membership with the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, the Foresters and the Woodmen. He is likewise a member of the Crystal Lake Club, the Hawkeye Natives, and the Commercial Exchange. His fellow-townsmen find him a genial, social gentleman, and these qualities have made him popular among his many patrons along the road. He is always approachable, is never too busy to be cordial, nor too cordial to be busy. In a word, his is a well balanced character and he has earned and well deserves the success which has come to him. He may truly be called a self-made man, for, starting out in business on his own account at the age of fourteen years, he has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources.

AL BOECK.

Al Boeck is proprietor of one of the largest and best equipped meat markets of Burlington, in which city he was born February 7, 1874. His father, George Boeck, is a native of Germany, born in 1839, and when a young man he came to the United States, making his way first to St. Louis, where he remained for a few years. He then came to Burlington, where he has since resided, and through the intervening period he has become widely known in connection

with business, fraternal and social circles. At the present time, however, he is living retired. Prominent in Masonry, he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he is also connected with the Eagles and the Elks. His wife bore the maiden name of Hannah Roth and was also born in Germany. She is still enjoying good health at the age of seventy-four years. In their family were three sons and two daughters.

Al Boeck acquired his education in the public and German schools of Burlington and at the age of sixteen years went to work for his father in the meat market, so that throughout his entire business life he has been connected with this line of activity. In 1897 he established a market on his own account on Jefferson street, where he is still located, and he has one of the most modern and up-to-date establishments of the city. He carries an excellent line of meats, and his promptness and reliability are elements in his growing success. He employs seven people and his trade has reached gratifying proportions.

Mr. Boeck is well known in several fraternities, holding membership with the Moose, the Eagles and the Red Men. He is a member of the Carthage Lake Fishing Club and greatly enjoys hunting as well as fishing, utilizing his hours of recreation in the enjoyment of those sports. His political allegiance is given the republican party, and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, while in local matters his aid and influence are given on the side of those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

THOMAS M. HUME.

Thomas M. Hume, founder and head of the Hume Brokerage Company, began business in this line in Burlington in July, 1906. A native of Virginia, he was born in Stanardsville, March 27, 1869, a son of Q. R. and Fannie A. (Sims) Hume. The father was a physician and surgeon, devoting his entire life to the practice of medicine. The son acquired a public-school education and when a young man became connected with the drug business in Virginia, devoting four years to that line of mercantile activity. He afterward entered railroad circles and was with the Norfolk & Western for seventeen years. He entered the employ of that corporation in a clerical capacity and was gradually advanced, becoming freight agent and afterward commercial agent. He represented the road

at different times in Chicago, Indianapolis, Columbus, Ohio, and St. Louis, and that his services were most capable and satisfactory is indicated in the fact that he was retained in the service of the company through almost two decades. In July, 1906, he arrived in Burlington and began business in merchandise brokerage, organizing the Hume Brokerage Company, in which connection he works Burlington and the surrounding territory. He has now secured a liberal patronage and in the conduct of the business has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. He has, therefore, ever studied to please and in all of his dealings has been thoroughly reliable, as well as energetic and progressive.

On the 3d of October, 1895, Mr. Hume was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Blanche Thomas, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Charles A. and Zilpha Thomas, who are residents of Middleport, Ohio. Mr. Hume exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party. His fraternal relations cover a wide scope. In Masonry he has attained the Knight Templar degree in the commandery and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise holds membership with the Odd Fellows, the Elks, the Moose and Eagles, and is a member of the Crystal Lake Club and of the Golf Club, being interested in the lines of recreation fostered by the two organizations. He is likewise a member of the Commercial Exchange and cooperates heartily in its well-defined plans and projects for the upbuilding of the city. Throughout his career he has never been afraid to follow the lead of his opportunities and as the years have advanced has steadily progressed, winning a fair measure of that success which is the goal of all business endeavor.

FRANK E. THOMPSON.

Frank E. Thompson, engaged in the general practice of law in Burlington, has since the outset of his professional career applied himself with such diligence and determination to the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence and to the conduct of his cases that he is now recognized as an able, skilled and successful advocate and counsellor.

Mr. Thompson was born in Grandview, Louisa county, Iowa, December 13, 1873, a son of John W. and Mary (See) Thompson. The family was established in New England at an early period in the colonization of America. The great-grandparents in the

Thompson line settled in Ohio about the beginning of the nineteenth century and there John Thompson, the grandfather, was born in Ross county in 1810. In 1839 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, the family home being established near Grandview, in Louisa county, at a period when the work of development and progress was then in its primitive stages. The territory had been organized only the year previously and there were no railroads connecting Iowa with other sections of the country. The Thompson family, however, did not have to endure some of the hardships of the early settlers, for they had wealth with which to secure comforts and purchased large tracts of land. John Thompson began raising stock in this state and also did contract work. He married a Miss Nichols and to them were born four children. Following the death of his first wife he wedded Sarah Nichols, also a native of Ross county, Ohio, and their children were five in number. John Thompson continued an honored resident of this state for forty-seven years, passing away in 1886, while his wife died in 1880, when about fifty-five years of age.

Their son, John W. Thompson, made farming and stockraising his life work. He was born and reared in Iowa and became familiar with every phase of the state's development and progress. He continued his residence in Louisa county until the early '70s and then for almost thirty years lived in Henry county. In 1900 he took up his abode near Sedalia, Missouri, where he became the owner of large landed holdings and thereon engaged extensively in dealing in horses, mules and cattle. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary See, a daughter of Rev. Michael See, and a representative of one of the old colonial families of Virginia. Her father came to the west in 1836, settling in Burlington with his parents, who entered land from the government in what is known as the Miller settlement of Des Moines county. Of the ancestry of Frank E. Thompson in the maternal line the following has been written by a contemporary biographer: "Michael See was a man of powerful and vigorous constitution. He became a circuit rider of the Methodist church, and from the age of twenty-one years devoted his life entirely to the work of the ministry. He was a very successful preacher, being gifted with eloquence and with that quality which for want of a better term we have called personal magnetism. He was logical in argument, persuasive and earnest, and his labors led to the substantial upbuilding of the church. He was an intimate friend of H. Clay Dean and Rev. Frank Evans, and was one of the notable figures in the early history of Iowa. He was twice married, his first

wife being a Miss Miller, whose mother belonged to the Hanks family and was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln. He departed this life in 1899, full of years and honors, having passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey. He had never been ill until just prior to his death, and he continued in the active work of the ministry almost to the last."

At the usual age Frank E. Thompson began his education in the district schools and when thirteen had mastered the preliminary branches to a sufficient degree to enable him to take up high-school work in Columbus City, Iowa. He was afterward a student in the high school at Muscatine and pursued a course in a business college there. He next entered the Iowa State University for a classical training and eventually entered upon the study of law in that institution, completing his law course with the class of 1896.

Mr. Thompson began practice in Burlington, where he has since remained. As the years have gone on his practice has become extensive and of an important character. He is constantly inspired by an innate love of justice and a delicate sense of personal honor. His fidelity to the interests of his clients is proverbial, yet he never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. His diligence and energy in the preparation of his cases as well as the earnestness, tenacity and courage with which he defends the right challenges the highest admiration of his associates and he invariably seeks to present his argument in the strong, clear light of common reason and sound logical principles. He had practiced at the bar of Burlington for about eight years, when, in 1904, the republican party made him its nominee for the office of county attorney and such was his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him that he led the county ticket, receiving a majority of nine hundred notwithstanding his opponent was regarded as one of the strongest members of the county bar. He filled the position most acceptably for two years and in 1906 resumed the private practice of law, in which he has since engaged.

When age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Thompson strongly indorsed republican principles, believing in the value of the party platform as an element in good government. He was the republican nominee for representative in the state legislature in 1901 and though he ran ahead of his ticket met defeat with the other republican candidates. He has always kept abreast of the political situation of the country and his knowledge of the questions and issues of the day is by no means superficial but delves to the root of the matter. In 1902 he was made chairman of the republican

county central committee and in different campaigns has delivered many public addresses in Des Moines and adjoining counties in support of party principles. In 1914 he was elected state senator from the ninth senatorial district of Iowa.

Mr. Thompson was married in 1894 to Miss Lillian Russell, a daughter of John J. Russell, a retired merchant of Columbus Junction, Iowa. Their friends in Burlington and throughout this section of the state are many and Mr. Thompson is recognized as a valued member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the state and is of the fourth generation here residing. The work instituted by his great-grandfather for the upbuilding and development of the territory was continued by his grandfather and father, and the same spirit finds expression in the public activities of Frank E. Thompson, who while meeting the strenuous demands of a growing law practice has always found time to perform every public duty in relation to his citizenship in his native state.

CHARLES ROESCH.

Charles Roesch, living in West Burlington, is the assistant chief clerk in the offices of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, to which position of responsibility he has attained through his own unaided efforts. He was born in Burlington, January 5, 1863, and at the usual age became a public-school pupil, attending the old North Oak school until he reached the age of twelve years, when necessity forced him to go to work. He was first employed in a cigar factory, where he remained for three years and at the end of that time he entered railway circles by becoming an office boy for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, at which time the head office was then under the old Sixth street bridge of Burlington. He resolutely set himself to the task of mastering the duties which were intrusted to him and his industry and determination won him advancement from time to time until he gradually worked his way upward to his present position as assistant chief clerk in the railway office of this city—a position that carries with it large responsibilities and a goodly salary.

On the 20th of October, 1885, Mr. Roesch was married to Miss Magdaline Schick, of Burlington, who was educated in the paro-

chial schools of this city. To them have been born three children. Rose, twenty-six years of age, is now the wife of Michael Daly, of Burlington, and they have one child. Pearl, twenty-three years of age, is the wife of Herman Miller, of this city. Carl, the youngest, now nineteen years of age, was graduated from the West Burlington high school and is in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company.

Mr. Roesch is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of Pythias and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a democrat and keeps well informed concerning the vital and significant political problems of the age. He has been an active worker in local party ranks and was elected town clerk for West Burlington, in which position he served for eight years. He has also been school treasurer for more than seven years and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. Having always lived in Burlington, he is well known and many of his warmest friends are those who have been his associates from boyhood—a fact which indicates a well spent life.

HON. LUKE PALMER.

Iowa has always been distinguished for the high rank of her bench and bar. The list of her eminent citizens contains the names of many able jurists and attorneys, some of whom have won national fame, while there is scarcely a town or city in the state but can boast of one or more lawyers capable of crossing swords in forensic combat with any of the distinguished legal lights of the country. Iowa owes much of her advancement to the influence of her lawyers and her law makers and she has reason for just pride in her attorneys and judges.

Devoting his life to the profession of law, Hon. Luke Palmer has gained distinction at the bar. Burlington numbers him among her native sons. He was born November 20, 1851, of the marriage of Luke and Mary E. (Holbrooke) Palmer, the former a native of Stonington, Connecticut, and the latter of Columbia, that state. In the year 1839 Luke Palmer, Sr., made his way westward to Burlington and although he had followed carpentering in the east, here turned his attention to merchandising, in which he continued from 1839 until 1850. He won notable success in his commercial pursuits and through his investments in real estate. He erected a number of

buildings and purchased and sold property, and in the later years of his life he was a retired capitalist of Burlington, where he continued to make his home until called to his final rest, in April, 1895. He was chosen a member of the last territorial legislature but did not qualify, and for several terms he was an alderman of Burlington, in which connection he exercised his official prerogatives in support of many plans and measures for the public good. His political allegiance was always given to the republican party, and his religious faith was that of the Congregational church, of which he served as a trustee for many years. He likewise served on the hospital board at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, for many years and was president of that board for six or eight years. Mary E. Holbrooke came to Burlington about 1845 and opened a private school, which she conducted successfully for an extended period. On the 8th of January, 1851, she gave her hand in marriage to Luke Palmer and they became the parents of two children, the son being named for his father, while the daughter was called Sarah M. She became the wife of John S. Cameron, a civil engineer who later became assistant to the general manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. Her death occurred in Denver, Colorado, in 1881 and she left three children, John S., Donald P. and Sadie P., all of whom are yet living.

Luke Palmer, whose name introduces this review, completed his classical education by a course in Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois, in which he won his Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation in 1872. He then entered the law office of Hall & Baldwin but after reading for a time with that firm spent one year as a law student at Harvard. He was afterward in the office of N. C. Berry, an attorney of Boston, and was graduated from the Boston Law School in June, 1875. Mr. Palmer then returned to Burlington, where he remained in practice for three years, but in 1878 went to Colorado, where he spent ten years as a member of the bar of that state, during which period he served for five years as county judge of Clear Creek county. He resigned in the latter part of his second term and, retiring from the bench, returned to Burlington in 1888 upon the death of his mother. Since that time he has maintained an office in this city and has confined his law business largely to office practice. He has given much of his attention to the management of his real-estate interests. While in Colorado he assisted R. S. Morrisson in the preparation of fifteen volumes of Mining Reports, covering all the courts of last resort and the decisions of the federal courts—in fact covering all the law of the United States and of England on the subject of min-

ing. Later he assisted in the preparation of the Digest of Colorado Reports.

Judge Palmer was married in September, 1884, to Miss Emma A. Dunn, of Galesburg, Illinois, who died in Burlington in January, 1893. He was married in April, 1897, to Miss Marion E. Starr, a daughter of Henry W. Starr, and her death occurred on the 11th of February, 1898. In September, 1900, he wedded Mrs. Lydia (Lewis) Gilbert, widow of James Gilbert, who by her first marriage had four children, Katharine, John, Charles and Mary. To Mr. and Mrs. Palmer has been born one child, Mary.

Judge Palmer gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has never been neglectful of the duties of citizenship, recognizing the obligation which the right of franchise imposes upon every individual to whom it is given. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi, a college fraternity. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Congregational church and for twenty-one years he served on the board of trustees. He has likewise been a member of the board of trustees of the Burlington Hospital and of the board of trustees of the Charity Organization. He is a man of broad sympathy which finds tangible expression in his effective efforts to relieve sorrow, distress and need. His life has been far-reaching in its activities and in its effects and the many sterling traits of his character have gained for him the warm regard and honor of his fellowmen.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM W. KINNEAR.

Captain William W. Kinnear, Burlington manager for the Blair or White Collar and Streckfus steamboat lines, has the distinction of having been at one time the youngest captain on the Mississippi river. He was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1836, a son of David and Nancy (De Woodie) Kinnear. The father came to Iowa in the early '40s and took up government land seventeen miles west of Dubuque, and in 1845 he brought his family to this state. From Galena, Illinois, the trip was made by wagons westward to the farm. David Kinnear performed the arduous task of breaking the sod and developing a new farm but later sold that property and removed to Geneva Lake, Minnesota, where he continued to make his home until his death, as did his wife. The remains of both were there interred.

Captain Kinnear acquired a public-school education and worked out one summer for a farmer by the name of Glue, who paid him with calves. This was his initial step in the cattle business and with oxen he broke prairie for settlers. He is acquainted with almost every phase of pioneer life and the attendant labors which have led to the development of this section of the country. He obtained the United States contract for carrying the mail from Dubuque to Garnaville and acted in that capacity for a year, when he sold his contract. He next went to work for James McGregor, who founded and owned the town of McGregor. He was sent by his employer to Black River Falls on an important mission to buy land from Mr. McLaughlin which Mr. McGregor wanted, but which the owner would not sell to him. Mr. Kinnear, however, was successful in making the purchase. On the return trip he met a man on the stage who wanted to sell a ferry boat and Captain Kinnear purchased it for seventeen hundred and fifty dollars. At that time the boat was grounded in the river, but Captain Kinnear succeeded in freeing it and ran the boat from Dubuque up the river, carrying loads of wood and later loads of hogs. He then established a woodyard at Dubuque and later sold the boat to a company in Prairie du Chien. About that time he learned the carpenter's trade, which he afterward followed for several years. Subsequently he worked in a boat yard during the period of the Civil war and afterward became assistant superintendent of the White Collar Line. He became captain of the Chippewa Falls at the age of twenty-eight years and was the youngest captain on the river. At different times he has been captain of various well known boats, including the Harry Johnson, Andy Johnson, Lady Lee, Addie Johnson and many others, representing various boat lines, sailing from Keokuk, St. Louis and other river towns. He became assistant superintendent at St. Louis of the White Collar Line in 1875 and in 1879 resigned and came to Burlington to take the general agency for the line in this city. He also had charge of coalyards and he engaged in the coal, wood and lime business on his own account for some years. In 1893 he again entered into active connection with the Blair Line, or the White Collar Line, as business manager at this point. There is no one in Burlington more familiar with navigation interests on the Mississippi or who has longer been connected therewith. Captain Kinnear knows every phase of river transportation and can relate many interesting incidents concerning the days when the Mississippi was not only the highroad for freight traffic but also for passenger travel.

In 1858 Captain Kinnear was united in marriage to Miss Sarah

A. McLaury, of McGregor, Iowa, who died in 1911, leaving a daughter, Mary A., who is now acting as housekeeper for her father. Captain Kinnear belongs to the Masonic fraternity and attends the Congregational church. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has ever been interested in its success, believing that its principles contain the best elements of good government. Few men of his years remain so active a factor in the world's work as does Captain Kinnear, who has now passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey. Practically his entire life has been passed in the Mississippi valley and there are few phases of its development or chapters in its history with which he is not familiar.

JOHN A. AND FRANK J. RENNER.

John A. and Frank J. Renner are proprietors of the business conducted under the firm style of John Renner & Sons and as such occupy a prominent position in commercial circles of Burlington. It is true that they entered upon a business already established, but in enlarging and controlling this many men of less resolute spirit, deficient in diligence and lacking in enterprise, would have failed. They deal in wall paper, paints and artists' supplies and do an extensive contracting business in interior decorating.

The present members of the firm are twin brothers, born in Burlington on the 6th of November, 1885, their parents being John and Lena (Neff) Renner. The family name indicates their German lineage. The father was born in southern Germany, July 8, 1852, and was a son of Johannes and Elizabeth (Katz) Renner. He attended school in his native land and afterward began working at the trades of painting, paper hanging, decorating and upholstering. He served a regular term of apprenticeship and gained expert knowledge of those lines of business. After working as a journeyman in various cities of Germany, France and Switzerland, he came to America, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, landing in New York on the 1st of March, 1881. He maintained his residence in the eastern metropolis until the 3d of July, 1882, when he arrived in Burlington. From that time until his death he was closely connected with the business interests of his adopted city and became the founder of the enterprise which is now continued by his sons. He first entered the employ of Wyman & Rand in their



JOHN RENNER

upholstering and carpet department and after three years, or in April, 1885, he embarked in business on his own account. Two or three removals were made in order to meet the growing demands of the business. He began dealing in wall paper, paints and artists' supplies, selling to both the wholesale and retail trade, and he further extended the scope of his business to include contract work in interior finishing and decorating.

Not only did his business become one of the foremost in its line in Iowa but in the field of invention Mr. Renner also made a creditable name and place for himself, making many valuable contributions to the mechanical world. He possessed much natural genius, to which was added thorough scientific knowledge of mechanics and architectural engineering and drafting. This enabled him not only to make his own plans but to embody them in tangible form. He invented and patented an ironing board on the 16th of August, 1887, and in 1903 he secured a patent on his ball-bearing window shade adjuster, having patents in the United States, Canada and England. After securing his patent he began the manufacture of the shade, sending his output throughout the three countries mentioned. On the 7th of January, 1902, he patented a device for locking the axle on shade rollers. This is dust proof and can be applied to any mechanical contrivance of any size. He was also the inventor of another lock patent for a window bracket and is the inventor of a wire bracket for the correct adjustment of the window cord.

Mr. Renner was married April 2, 1881, to Miss Lena Neff, a daughter of Johannes and Mary (Hellestern) Neff. Their only children are the twin sons whose names introduce this record and who, becoming their father's partners in business, are now owners of the establishment. Mr. Renner held membership in the Court of Honor and with the Woodmen of the World. His was an active, useful and well spent life and through the long period of his residence in Burlington he enjoyed the confidence, goodwill and high regard of all with whom he came in contact. His death occurred October 17, 1913. His wife, Mrs. Lena Renner, has always taken an active part in social and church work and is president of the St. Franciska Society for Married Women.

Her sons, J. A. and F. J. Renner, have always been residents of Burlington. The former attended the German and public schools of this city and afterward entered the Gem City Business College of Quincy, Illinois, in which he completed the course in seven months, being the first student from this state to complete the course in such a short time or with such honors, for his scholarship gave him an

average grade of ninety-six and two-sevenths in seven studies and a standing of one hundred in bookkeeping. The commercial training of Frank J. Renner was pursued in Elliott's Business College of Burlington. Their practical training in business was received in the establishment and under the direction of their father and on attaining their majority they were admitted to a partnership under the firm style of John Renner & Sons. Since the father's death the two sons and their mother continue as owners of the business, each having a third interest. They are conducting a retail and jobbing trade in wall paper, paints, picture frames and window shades and they employ a large force of men in paper hanging, painting and decorating, having been awarded many important contracts for interior finishing and decorating of buildings.

Not only do the sons possess excellent business ability, as manifested in the capable conduct of their interests, but both have been endowed by nature with artistic and musical taste and talent. They give much time to the study of oil painting and various kinds of decorating and have also received liberal instruction in music. They are, moreover, lovers of athletics and have charge of the basket ball team of St. John's Catholic church, which won the pennant in the year 1914. They are also active in the dramatic society of the church and their wide interests and talents have made them most popular in social circles. Of them it may well be said they are never too busy to be cordial nor too cordial to be busy, for the interests of their lives are well balanced forces. It is their ability to concentrate upon the interest or activity of the moment that has led to their success in everything that they attempt and most of all in business, where their power and insight are manifest in successful management and keen sagacity.

FRANCIS ALDEN WALKER.

Francis Alden Walker was at the time of his death, which occurred on the 13th of May, 1897, a resident of Mediapolis, where he had been living retired for about five years. Previously he had been actively identified with farming interests in the county for an extended period, and as a business man and citizen occupied a high position in public regard, his being a well spent, active and useful life.

He was born in Hillsboro, New Hampshire, February 6, 1831, a son of Alden and Susan (Grimes) Walker, both of whom were natives of New England and spent their entire lives in New Hampshire. The latter was a sister of United States Senator James W. Grimes, of Burlington. In their family were three children: Francis Alden; Rear Admiral John G. Walker, of the United States Navy, who received his appointment to the naval institute through his uncle, Senator Grimes; and Betsy Ann, who died at the age of twenty years.

Francis A. Walker remained with his parents upon the old homestead farm in New Hampshire until he came to the west in 1852 when twenty-one years of age. The remainder of his life was passed in Des Moines county and he always followed the occupation of farming, owning an excellent tract of land of three hundred acres three miles northeast of Northfield in Yellow Springs township. He bent his energies to the development and improvement of the place and converted his land into productive fields, from which he annually gathered good harvests. In 1892 he left the farm and retired to Mediapolis, where his remaining days were passed in the enjoyment of a well-earned rest. He had been extensively engaged in stock-raising, making that a special feature of his business, and his farm in its neat and thrifty appearance indicated his careful supervision over his business affairs and his practical, progressive methods.

On the 25th of March, 1858, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Martha C. Blake, who was born in Franklin county, Vermont, June 28, 1833, a daughter of Charles R. and Lydia (Austin) Blake, who were natives of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, respectively. They came to Iowa in August, 1849, making the journey westward by canal, lake and river to Chicago, and thence across the state of Illinois to Iowa. They established their home in Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, and here their remaining days were passed. The father had three brothers, Francis, Luther and George Blake, who came to this county in the '30s, all settling on farms in this locality, so that the family has been prominently identified with the pioneer development and later progress of the county. He also had a brother Calvin, who settled in Illinois. Mrs. Walker is the younger of two children. Her brother, Worthington S. Blake, made his home with Mrs. Walker most of the time until his death, which occurred in 1909. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker were born three children: Oscar H., now living in Kansas; John G., a resident of Mediapolis; and Charles R., who is located at Oakville, Iowa.

Mr. Walker was a republican in his political views but never sought nor desired office. He always concentrated his energies upon his business affairs until he retired from active life to spend his remaining days in Mediapolis in the enjoyment of well-earned rest. Here he passed away on the 13th of May, 1897, at the age of sixty-six years, and his demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret to many friends, who had learned to respect and honor him.

Mrs. Walker still makes her home in Mediapolis. She has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for more than forty years, having become identified with that denomination at Northfield, after which she transferred her membership to the Mediapolis church when they retired from the farm. She has a clear mind, her hearing is good, and she is a well-preserved lady of eighty-one years. She now occupies a nice home which she erected since becoming a widow. She built this in a central location, that she might be near the church. Everyone speaks of her in terms of kindly regard, of friendship and of love. Hers has indeed been a well-spent life, fraught with many kindly actions and good deeds, and in Mediapolis and wherever known she is held in the warmest esteem.

REV. B. J. FITZSIMONS.

Rev. B. J. Fitzsimons, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, of Burlington, was born in Mullagh, County Cavan, Ireland, in 1870. After attending the public schools he entered Cavan College, from which he was graduated. He is also a graduate of All Hallows College, of Dublin, of the class of 1893, and having therein prepared for the priesthood he was ordained to holy orders in the same year. Soon afterward he came to the new world, making his way to Des Moines, Iowa, where he was appointed assistant of the Church of the Visitation, with Father Nugent as pastor. For a year he was connected with that church, and then returned to Ireland, where he acted as assistant rector of a church for a few years. In 1899 he again came to Iowa and was made pastor of St. Paul's church at Baird, where he continued for seven years. He was next transferred to the pastorate of St. Mary's church at Nichols, Iowa, where he remained for nine years. He came to Burlington on the 11th of January, 1914, as pastor of St. Patrick's church. The parish is planning to erect a new house of worship and a new school building. There are between two hundred and fifty and three hundred families in the

congregation, and in addition to the church, the parish supports a parochial school with an attendance of one hundred and fifty pupils under the care of six teachers.

A. F. ANDERSEN.

A. F. Andersen is the cashier of the Commercial State Bank at Mediapolis, and is well established as one of the progressive and representative business men of the town. With the exception of the first ten years of his life, he has always been a resident of Iowa. He was born in Denmark in 1878, and in 1888 arrived in Avoca. He crossed the Atlantic and made the journey from New York to Iowa, where he joined an uncle. He afterward attended school, and later had the benefit of instruction in a commercial college at Des Moines, thus qualifying for the duties and responsibilities of business life.

In 1903 Mr. Andersen aided in organizing the Bentley Savings Bank at Bentley, Iowa, of which he was made cashier, and was practically the manager of the bank during the early years of its existence. In 1907 he came to Mediapolis to accept the position of assistant cashier of the Citizens' State Bank, in which capacity he continued for two years. He then went to Adams, Nebraska, where he was cashier of the Farmers' State Bank for more than a year. Upon the organization of the Commercial State Bank of Mediapolis, he returned to become cashier in the new institution. He is also president of the Sperry Savings Bank, which was organized about the same time as the Commercial State Bank. The two banks are owned by the same stockholders, numbering about one hundred and fifty men, all of whom are farmers and business men living in this immediate vicinity. The combined deposits of the two banks are over three hundred and thirty thousand dollars. The two institutions were organized in 1911 and have enjoyed a profitable existence since that time. The growth of the business is indicated in the fact that the deposits have increased more than forty thousand dollars in the last year. The capital stock of the Commercial State Bank is fifty thousand dollars, its surplus three thousand dollars and its deposits two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The capital stock of the Sperry Savings Bank is twelve thousand dollars and its deposits amount to ninety thousand dollars. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Andersen has a good farm in Yellow Springs township.

He acted as the first postmaster at Bentley, Iowa, and also engaged in the mercantile and banking business there.

In 1908 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Andersen and Miss Laura Rudiger, a native of Pottawattamie county, Iowa, who was assistant in the bank at one time. To them have been born three children, Eugene, Paul Arthur and Dorothy Lucille.

In his political views Mr. Andersen is a republican, but has never sought nor desired political office. He has served, however, as school treasurer and is interested in all plans and measures for the upbuilding and benefit of the community in which he makes his home. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Elks, and the Woodmen, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. His life has ever been guided by principles that everywhere command respect. There is no esoteric phase in his entire career. He has worked his way steadily upward by determined purpose and indefatigable energy, prompted by laudable ambition, and to those who know him his name has become a synonym for business integrity, as well as progressiveness.

E. F. LA FORCE, M. D.

Dr. E. F. La Force, who since 1904 has been engaged in the active practice of medicine in Burlington, was born in Agency City, Iowa, November 5, 1873, his parents being Dr. Daniel Alexander and Mahala (Dudley) La Force. The father was a graduate of the Keokuk Medical College and devoted his life to the practice of his profession. He was a son of William La Force, a native of Kentucky, who removed to Indiana, in which state the family were living at the time of the birth of Dr. D. A. La Force. William La Force, accompanied by his family, came to Iowa in pioneer times, arriving in the early '40s, after which he carried on both farming and merchandising. In the early '70s Dr. Daniel A. La Force practiced medicine for a short time in Burlington. Later he lived for some time in Agency City, and about 1882 removed to Ottumwa.

Dr. E. F. La Force entered the public schools at the usual age and continued his studies until graduated from the high school. He spent two years in study in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and later entered the State University at Iowa City, where he won the Bachelor of Philosophy degree in the class of 1897. Having decided upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he then entered Rush Medical

College, of Chicago, and is numbered among its alumni of 1900. He afterward became interne in the Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, where he remained for a year, and for two years he practiced as first assistant to Dr. F. C. Hotz, of Chicago. He likewise served on the staff of the infirmary and subsequently was clinical assistant at Rush Medical College for two years. He thus gained broad experience, gleaning therefrom valuable knowledge which has been of the utmost worth to him during the period of his practice in Burlington. Coming to this city in 1904, he has here since remained, and his professional service has established him high in public regard. He attends many clinics, and there is a constant demand made upon him for his professional service, such being the degree of efficiency to which he has attained.

On the 2d of November, 1904, Dr. La Force was married to Miss Edith Ferguson, of Chicago, a daughter of Frank and Mary (Frasier) Ferguson. They became the parents of two children, Katherine and Edward Francis, but the former is now deceased.

Dr. La Force votes with the progressive party. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, and in fraternal circles he is well known as a Knight Templar Mason, as a member of the Mystic Shrine and as a member of the Elks lodge. He also has membership with the Golf Club, while along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Des Moines County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Continuous reading and investigation have placed him in a prominent position among the representatives of the profession in Burlington.

PHILIP E. STRUCK.

Philip E. Struck is the secretary of the John A. Gregg Company, conducting a hardware jobbing business in Burlington. He is a young man, alert, wide-awake, energetic and ambitious. He was born in this city, March 8, 1892, a son of Fred and Bertha (Dettmer) Struck. The father was a native of Oquawka, Illinois, while his father was one of the pioneer settlers of that state. Fred Struck is a woodworker by trade and in his boyhood days became a resident of Burlington. He afterward went to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he remained a few years during the period of early manhood, and in that period he was married. Later he returned to Burlington, and still continues a resident of this city, where for thirty years he

has been connected with the Embalming & Burial Case Company. He is now well known in business circles of his city and well merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held. His wife is a native of Fort Madison and a daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of this state. To Mr. and Mrs. Struck were born four children: Henriette, at home; Henry J., living in Burlington, who is employed as a clerk in the office of W. D. Eaton; Bertha B., at home; and Philip E., of this review.

The last named attended St. John's parochial school and Elliott's Business College, and then, putting aside his text-books, entered the employ of the John A. Gregg Company in 1909. It was not long before he had demonstrated his worth and ability and gradually was advanced until 1911, when he became a member of the firm and was elected its secretary. They do a jobbing hardware business, representing ten of the leading hardware manufacturers of the country, and their trade covers a number of counties surrounding Burlington.

Mr. Struck was reared in the faith of the Catholic church and is a parishioner of St. John's. He also holds membership with the Knights of Columbus, which organization is composed only of members of the Catholic faith. In politics he is a democrat. While a young man, he has already become well established as an important factor in business circles here, for he possesses the energy, determination and ambition which have brought him to the front and which will secure for him still greater successes.

G. G. HIGBEE.

G. G. Higbee, the president of the Murray Iron Works, of Burlington, was born on the 19th of March, 1878, in the city which is still his place of residence, a son of George H. Higbee, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He attended private schools and was a student at St. Mark's, Southboro, Massachusetts, a preparatory school, before entering Harvard University as a member of the class of 1901. He there pursued a course in mechanical engineering but did not graduate. Returning to Burlington he has since been identified with the business interests of his native city, and in 1911 became the president of the Murray Iron Works, in which connection he is controlling and directing one of the important productive enterprises of the city. His is a splendidly equipped plant, and the output finds a ready sale on the market,

owing to the excellence of the product and the thoroughly reliable business methods of the company.

In April, 1904, Mr. Higbee was united in marriage to Miss Mary Branniger, of Burlington, a daughter of M. W. Branniger, and they have two children, Mary and Caroline. Mr. Higbee belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and along recreative lines he is identified with the Shoquoquon Boat Club, the Golf Club, and the Tennis Club—associations which indicate the nature of his interests during the hours of leisure. He has membership also in the Commercial Exchange and he exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. His interests and activities are broad and varied and do not exclude active participation in affairs or projects for the public good. On the contrary, he stands for advancement in all municipal interests, and at the same time he gives due attention to his business affairs, so that his course has been attended by continuous advancement in industrial fields.

C. E. BURCHAM.

C. E. Burcham is the general manager of the Cooperative Supply Company, of Burlington, in which connection he is active in a business that largely embodies his ideas concerning life, for he belongs to that class of men who believe in helping one another and in a more equal distribution of this world's goods, and he is ever ready to embody his ideas in practical effort.

Mr. Burcham is a native of Missouri, his birth having occurred in Wyaconda on the 2d of February, 1879. He remained in his native town to the age of eighteen years, and there acquired his preliminary education, while later he attended a business college in Guthrie, Oklahoma. For four years he was a resident of the latter city and came from there to Burlington, where he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, with which he was connected for thirteen years. On the expiration of that period he resigned his position to become general manager for the Cooperative Supply Company, dealers in coal, wood and groceries. He is now active in controlling this business and has studied every phase of it. Investments are judiciously made, and sales bring a fair but not exorbitant profit, and the business has been largely promoted through the efforts and enterprise of its general manager.

In 1906 Mr. Burcham was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Lind, of Burlington, who was educated here. She holds membership in the Baptist church and is connected with its Ladies' Aid Society. To Mr. and Mrs. Burcham have been born three children: Carroll, Dorothea, and Wendell, all of whom were born in October. Carroll, the eldest, is now in school.

Mr. Burcham is a socialist, and fraternally is connected with the Moose. He is a ball fan, finding his greatest pleasure and recreation in our national game. He never allows outside interests, however, to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties as general manager of the Cooperative Supply Company, and he enjoys the entire confidence and goodwill of all of the stockholders.

EDWARD C. EICHER.

Edward C. Eicher, holding the responsible position of assistant attorney for the Iowa district of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, has been continuously identified with the bar of this state since 1906. He was born in Noble, Iowa, December 16, 1878, and is a son of Benjamin and Lydia (Sommer) Eicher. The father, a native of France, came to the United States in 1851 and settled in Ohio, where he remained until 1855, when he removed to Iowa. He was a farmer by occupation and also a minister of the gospel. He organized the German Mennonite church at Noble, Iowa, and remained as its pastor for thirty years, doing effective work in promoting the moral progress and development of that region. It was in this state that he wedded Lydia Sommer, a daughter of Joseph Sommer, who was a farmer by occupation and brought his family to Iowa in 1853. The death of Mr. Eicher occurred in 1893, while his wife survived until 1905.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Edward C. Eicher pursued his education in the public schools of Noble, Iowa, and later attended Washington Academy and afterward the Morgan Park Academy at Chicago. Still later he entered the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904, winning the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He then spent two years as a law student in that institution and afterward read law with his brother. He was admitted to practice in 1906 and entered into partnership with his brother, the business connection being maintained until 1908. He afterward spent a year in Chicago in the

legal and business department of the University of Chicago as assistant registrar and in 1909 he located in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, but remained in practice there for only a month. In November of that year he came to Burlington as assistant attorney for the Iowa district of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company and in this connection still practices. He is a member of the State Bar Association and is widely recognized as an able lawyer, having the sincere regard of his brethren at the bar because of his close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics.

Mr. Eicher was married in Washington, Iowa, on the 19th of August, 1908, to Miss Hazel Mount, of that place, a daughter of W. R. and Martha (Wilson) Mount, the former a traveling salesman. Mr. Eicher holds membership with the Alpha Delta Phi and with the Phi Delta Phi, two college fraternities. He gives his political indorsement to the democratic party and both he and his wife hold membership in the Congregational church. They have gained many friends in that organization and through other connections and warm regard is entertained for them by those who know them. In a profession which demands keen mentality and close application Mr. Eicher has steadily advanced, winning for himself a well earned reputation among the leading lawyers of Burlington.

NICHOLAS LAU.

Nicholas Lau is the senior partner in the firm of Lau & Son, proprietors of one of the leading meat markets of Burlington. He is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred at Jtzehoe, Holstein, on the 20th of March, 1847. The period of his boyhood and youth was passed in the fatherland and he came to the United States in 1866. After reaching the shores of the new world he made his way across the country to Chicago, where he remained for about a year and on the expiration of that period he removed to Burlington, where he has since resided. He brought with him but little capital to the new world but he possessed the substantial qualities of ambition, energy and determination and these have brought him to his present place among the substantial business men of the city. The meat market of which he is now the senior proprietor was founded in 1872 by three partners under the firm name of Steinbrecher, Dehn & Lau. This relation was continued for about twenty-six years or until 1898, when Mr. Steinbrecher died and Mr. Lau then bought

out the interest of his remaining partner. In 1900 he admitted his son, Louis Lau, to a partnership under the present firm style of Lau & Son, and they now have one of the largest retail markets in the city. It is supplied with all modern fixtures, with splendid refrigerators and other equipments and the most sanitary and healthful conditions prevail. Their trade has steadily grown, the business having now reached gratifying proportions.

In 1871 Mr. Lau was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Wolff, of Burlington, and to them have been born three children. Henry, who was born in 1874, is now in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. Clara, thirty-eight years of age, is the wife of C. G. Bosh, of Burlington. Louis, thirty-six years of age, is the youngest and is the junior member of the firm. He was reared in this city, attended the public schools and on the 19th of April, 1903, he was united in marriage to Miss Katharine MacPartland, of Burlington, who was also educated in the schools of this city. They have two children: John, now in school; and Mary, two and a half years of age.

Nicholas Lau is a member of the Carthage Lake Fishing Club and both father and son are democrats in their political views, giving unfaltering support to the principles and candidates of the party yet not seeking nor desiring public office. They concentrate their efforts largely upon their business affairs and their combined energy and careful management have brought to them gratifying success as the years have passed by.

F. J. RILING.

F. J. Riling, well known in Burlington as a resourceful business man, was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, November 15, 1867, a son of John J. and Catherine (Murphy) Riling. The father was a well known farmer and stock-raiser and conducted a successful business in the Sunflower state.

Mr. Riling supplemented a public-school education by study in St. Benedict's College at Atchison, Kansas, from which he was graduated with the class of 1884. He was reared to the occupation of farming with the usual experiences that fall to the farm lad. He continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits until twenty-three years of age and then turned his attention to life insurance, acting as agent in Davenport, Iowa, and afterward at Muscatine.

In 1893 he was called to public office through appointment to the position of chief deputy revenue collector for the southern district of Iowa, in which capacity he served for about five years. He is treasurer and manager of the Burlington Construction Company, a very successful and general contracting company, one of the trustees of the Rand estate and associated with other Burlington business enterprises.

On the 3d of October, 1904, Mr. Riling was united in marriage to Miss Alice J. Bauch, of Milton, Iowa, and they have one daughter, Frances. Mr. Riling holds membership with the Elks and Knights of Columbus and is a communicant of St. Paul's Catholic church. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he is a member of the Commercial Exchange, interested in the plans and projects for the upbuilding of the city and cooperating in those measures and movements which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

J. P. SWYGARD.

J. P. Swygard is proprietor of a general store at Mediapolis and has developed a business of gratifying proportions. He keeps an attractive line of goods and his earnest desire to please his patrons has been one of the factors in his growing success. He was born in Northfield, Louisa county, Iowa, May 13, 1862, a son of Frederick W. and Ellen (Jugenheimer) Swygard, natives of Germany, the former born at Schwap, August 11, 1833, and the latter at Hesse-Darmstadt, November 17, 1833. The father was but three years of age when his parents crossed the Atlantic to America and settled at Fredericksburg, Maryland, whence they afterward removed to Burlington, Iowa. His wife crossed the ocean when in young womanhood, the voyage consuming seventy-two days. She made her way direct to Burlington and in that city they were married in 1859. While in that city the father followed the tinner's trade and after their marriage they located upon a farm in Louisa county. When their son, J. P. Swygard, was but three months old the father enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company C of the Thirtieth Iowa infantry, with which he served for three years, being advanced to the rank of sergeant. He took part in all of the engagements in which his company participated and at the close of the war resumed farm work, devoting his energies to the further development and

improvement of his home place until his later years, when, having acquired a handsome competence as the reward of his former toil, he retired to Mediapolis, where his remaining days were passed in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He died July 21, 1912, while his wife passed away in January, 1911.

In politics Frederick W. Swygard was a stalwart republican, giving unfaltering support to the men and measures of the party, and his religious faith was evidenced by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. They were the parents of seven children: W. H., who is now living in Mediapolis; J. P., of this review; Matilda, the wife of Henry Todd, of Wheatland, Oklahoma; C. F., who is living on the old homestead farm in Louisa county; J. E., a resident of Colfax, Washington; Mary E., the wife of Frank Nelson, of Mediapolis; and Deborah, who married John Loper.

J. P. Swygard was reared upon the old homestead farm in Louisa county until he attained his majority and attended the district schools in the acquirement of his education. On reaching man's estate he removed to Mediapolis and began learning the harness-making trade, which he followed for two years. At the end of that time he secured a clerkship in the general store of Parrott & Fulmer, with whom he remained for a decade. He then became a partner in the firm of J. D. Clement & Company, with which he was connected for three years, and at the end of that time bought out his partners' interests and organized the firm of J. P. & J. E. Swygard. After two years a reorganization was effected under the name of Swygard Brothers & Walker. Eventually all sold out and J. P. Swygard then embarked in business alone as a general merchant, occupying a store in the Commercial State Bank building, known as the Brown & McClure building. His store is one hundred and ten by one hundred and forty feet. It is a department store and he employs three clerks. He is also proprietor of a store in Garland, where he employs a man to conduct it. He is a stockholder in the Commercial State Bank of Mediapolis and is a progressive and energetic business man who readily recognizes and utilizes opportunities, and thus is steadily advancing toward the goal of success.

In January, 1888, Mr. Swygard was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Cassing, who was born in Ohio in 1868, and in her childhood came to Iowa with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cassing. Mr. and Mrs. Swygard have become the parents of four children: Jessie Elma, who was graduated from the Iowa State University with the class of 1911, and is now a teacher of Latin in Centerville, Iowa;

Stanley F., who died at the age of five years; Chalmer F., who died at the age of two years; and Pauline Elizabeth, who was born in November, 1909.

Mr. Swygard is identified with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Aid, and his religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, being ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. His attention, however, is largely concentrated upon his business affairs, and it has been by reason of his close application and unremitting energy that he has gained a place among the representative merchants of Mediapolis.

E. C. GOULD.

E. C. Gould is the president of the Gardner & Gould Company, manufacturers of candies and jobbers of confectioners' supplies. The business which has been built up in this connection is now an extensive one, and, constituting one of the important commercial interests of Burlington, is the tangible evidence of the enterprise and ability of the president of the company and his fellow-officers. A native of Ohio, Mr. Gould was born in Geauga county on the 28th of June, 1859, a son of Samuel and Julia (Fitch) Gould. The mother died in the '60s and the father afterward removed to Montgomery county, Iowa, in 1867, there turning his attention to farming, which he followed for a number of years. Later he retired and spent his last days in Adams county, Iowa, where he passed away at the age of seventy-seven years.

His son, E. C. Gould, was a young lad at the time of the arrival in Iowa, and his youthful days were spent in the usual manner of boys who are reared upon farms, his time being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. He continued to engage actively in farm work until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial, he secured a situation in a retail store at Lewis, Iowa. Subsequently he removed to Grant City, Missouri, where he conducted a store, and later he entered the Summer-Richardson factory at St. Joseph, Missouri, in which he received his initial training in connection with the candy trade. He afterward

went upon the road for Riley Brothers of that city, whom he represented as a traveling salesman for five years. Subsequently he traveled out of Des Moines, and in 1893 he came to Burlington, where he entered the employ of J. W. Smither, a confectioner, baker and cracker manufacturer. He afterward went upon the road for the National Biscuit Company, which he represented until 1900. He has been continuously connected with the candy trade since 1884 as a traveling salesman and otherwise, and on the 1st of June, 1900, he became one of the organizers of the Gardner & Gould Company for the manufacture of candy and jobbing in confectioners' supplies. Their business has now assumed extensive proportions, giving employment to seventy people, and as president of the company Mr. Gould is active in controlling one of the leading productive industries of the city.

In 1882 Mr. Gould was united in marriage to Miss Josie Binford, of Grant City, Missouri, who died two years later, in 1884. In 1887 he was again married, his second union being with Lou F. Fiddler, of Sigourney, Iowa. Mr. Gould is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity. He has attained the Knights Templar degree of the York Rite and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Elks lodge and his life is further actuated by his belief as a member of the Congregational church. Politically he is a republican. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument, but he has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office. He stands, however, for progress and improvement in public affairs, and for three years he was the efficient president of the Commercial Exchange of Burlington. He has a business record that any man might be proud to possess, for he never makes an engagement that he does not keep, nor incur any obligation that he does not meet. He has constantly advanced, and each forward step has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

JOHN P. ZURAWSKI.

One of the active business men of Des Moines county is John P. Zurawski, president of the Burlington Paper Company, in which connection he is the controlling factor in one of the most important commercial enterprises of Burlington. His life record indicates what may be accomplished when energy, determination and ambi-



JOHN P. ZURAWSKI

tion point out the way. A native of Germany, he was born on the 16th of September, 1859, and after spending the first eighteen years of his life in his native land, his time being largely devoted to the acquirement of an education, he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling at Belle Plaine, Iowa.

Mr. Zurawski was practically without funds and his financial condition rendered it imperative that he obtain immediate employment. During the early period of his residence in this state he worked as a farm hand, but he was ambitious to engage in business on his own account and to that end carefully saved his earnings until he was able to engage in the lumber trade at Remsen, Iowa. There he conducted business for four years, at the end of which time he was appointed to the position of deputy county treasurer of Plymouth county, in which capacity he continued for two years. He still practiced the closest economy, as well as industry, and thus he acquired a capital that enabled him to embark in the banking business. He organized the German State Bank at Le Mars, Iowa, and was active in its control and management until 1900.

Mr. Zurawski then severed his connection there and removed to Burlington, since which time he has been with the Burlington Paper Company, which was incorporated in the fall of 1909. This was the successor of the Hyde Paper Company, which had taken over the business of the firm of Hyde & Starker, which was established about 1896. When the Burlington Paper Company was organized in 1902, John Blaul and his sons were largely interested therein. In 1900 Mr. Zurawski purchased an interest in the business and was manager thereof until 1909, when the company was reorganized and the following officers elected: John P. Zurawski, president; Oscar Riepe, vice president; C. E. Weiss, secretary; and E. C. Jordan, treasurer. In connection with these officers Charles H. Krueger constitutes the board of directors. The company conducts a wholesale business in the sale and importation of toys, dolls and Japanese and Chinese goods. They handle wrapping paper, wax and parchment papers and stationery of all kinds. Their stock also includes notions of all kinds and they employ nine traveling salesmen, who represent the house throughout the middle west. Their business now covers an extensive territory and is growing year by year, the result of their enterprising methods, thorough understanding of the trade, their reliability and persistency.

In 1884 Mr. Zurawski was married to Miss Louisa Sallach, who was born in West Prussia, and they now have five children. Helen

Marie is head nurse of the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, Maryland. Arnold E. is a student in dentistry in the Northwestern University at Chicago. Elizabeth W., a B. A. graduate of the Northwestern University, is now a high-school teacher in Minnesota. Florence L. is a sophomore in the Northwestern University. Arthur is a high-school student in Burlington.

Mr. Zurawski is a member of the German Evangelical church, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Legion of Honor. He likewise belongs to the Orchard City Fishing and Hunting Club, and in his leisure hours his many acquaintances find him a most congenial, social gentleman, actively interested in many things which contribute to life's pleasures. He is a trustee of the Burlington public library and in his political views is a progressive. He stands for advancement in public affairs just as he does in business life, and his efforts have been an element in general improvement in Burlington, for many tangible evidences of his public spirit may be cited. Gradually he has worked his way upward, carving out for himself opportunities where none existed and making wise use of his time and talents until he stands today among the most resourceful, forceful and prosperous business men of the city.

E. T. GARDNER.

Business enterprise finds a worthy exponent in E. T. Gardner, who is the vice president and treasurer of the Gardner & Gould Company. Moreover, his business career is characteristic of the spirit of enterprise which has dominated the west in its rapid upbuilding. He was born in Burlington, January 5, 1861, and is a son of E. T. and Louisa (Webster) Gardner, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Zanesville, Ohio. They were married in the Buckeye state and came to Iowa in the same year as David Grimes, arriving in the early '40s. The trip was made overland by buggy, for no railroads had been extended into this section at that time. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade and in connection with his business affairs purchased the first furniture that was installed in the Congregational church. He it was who made the first bureau and the first sofa ever made in Iowa, these articles of furniture being sold to Mr. Coolbaugh, but at the present time they are in possession of E. T. Gardner and are prized heirlooms of his father's work.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Gardner, Sr., there were born seven children, of whom the subject of this review is the youngest. The public schools of Burlington afforded him his early educational privileges and later he attended Gordon's private school. Starting out on his own account, he secured a position with R. G. Dunn & Company and subsequently he was employed by a firm engaged in the grain trade. He afterward worked for Delahay & Purdy and later entered the employ of J. W. Smither, a confectionery manufacturer, with whom he learned the trade. He became interested in the business, believed that there was a future along that line in Burlington and on the 1st of June, 1900, joined with E. C. Gould in organizing the Gardner & Gould Company. The business, however, was conducted as a partnership concern until 1907, when it was incorporated under the present style with E. C. Gould as president, E. T. Gardner as vice president and treasurer, and L. M. Pollock as secretary. They manufacture candies and do a jobbing trade in confectioners' supplies. Their business is located at the corner of Third & Elm streets, where they have a well appointed factory. They started out at No. 217 Washington street, but removed to their present location in March, 1904. They now employ nine traveling salesmen, while seventy people are employed in the factory. They manufacture high grade candies, specializing in chocolates, and their business is now an extensive one. They occupy a building sixty by one hundred and seventeen feet, four stories in height, utilize sixty-five horse power in operating machinery and they own an electric light plant and have a complete refrigerating system. The utmost attention is paid to cleanliness and sanitary conditions and the excellence of their product has developed a trade of gratifying and extensive proportions. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Gould still remain at the head of the business, directing its interests and broadening its trade connections.

On the 5th of December, 1884, Mr. Gardner was united in marriage to Miss Stella M. Smither, a daughter of James W. and Imogene (Webster) Smither, who came to Burlington in April, 1879, after which the father bought out the business of Phillip Hoerr, a candy manufacturer. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have two children, Jack and Kathleen, aged respectively eighteen and twelve years, and both are now in school. Mr. Gardner is a republican in his political views, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has always preferred to devote his attention to his business affairs. He is a member of the Golf Club and he and his family are members of the Episcopal church. His salient characteristics are such as everywhere

command confidence, regard and goodwill, and his business career is an example which might well be followed by those who desire to attain success through diligence, determination and close application.

JAMES T. WOOTTEN.

Through an extended period James T. Wootten has been a resident of Des Moines county, and now makes his home at No. 1525 Haskell street, in Burlington. He has long been numbered among the well known and highly respected residents of this part of the state, his many good qualities commanding for him the confidence and high regard of all who know him. He was born in La Grange, Tennessee, September 23, 1842, a son of John and Mary (Bridges) Wootten. The father was born in Tennessee in 1795 and was a carpenter by trade. On leaving his native state, he removed to Burlington immediately following the close of the Civil war. In the south he followed carpentering and also engaged in making coffins. He retired many years before leaving the south, so was never connected with business affairs in Burlington. His early political allegiance was given to the whig party, and afterward he joined the ranks of the new republican party. He was a man of many substantial qualities, honest and reliable, and when he passed away in 1869 there were many friends who deeply regretted his demise. His remains were interred in the Aspen Grove cemetery. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Bridges, was born in South Carolina, and died in 1881. They had a family of twelve children, of whom three are yet living: James T.; Robert, a resident of the state of Washington; and Frances, the wife of W. H. Warden, of Burlington, Iowa.

James T. Wootten was educated in the south, and afterward learned the carpenter's trade with his father, with whom he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war. He was never sworn into service but was with an engineering corps and worked for the Southern army as a bridge builder from 1862 until the close of the war. Upon the close of the war he came north and chose Burlington as his place of residence. After coming to this city he was employed by Hiram Roberts, a carpenter-contractor, and by other old-time contractors and builders of that early period. He worked at his trade for a number of years as a journeyman and afterward was employed for several years by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Rail-

road Company as a builder. For twenty-three years he was in the employ of the Murray Iron Works and thus was closely associated with industrial activity in Burlington and Des Moines county. About 1871 he removed to his present place of residence, having thirty-one acres of land, and there he carried on farming in addition to carpentering. Since 1892 he has remained continuously at No. 1525 Haskell street, and is now living retired.

In October, 1870, Mr. Wootten was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Worrell, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, in 1851, a daughter of B. Q. and Catherine (Leebrick) Worrell. Her father was born October 17, 1816, and in 1850 came to Burlington, where he worked as a contractor and house builder, while in later life he was in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He voted with the republican party and was a very quiet and unostentatious man, but possessed many sterling traits of character, so that his honesty and genuine worth gained for him the respect and friendship of those with whom he came in contact. He was ever industrious and retained physical powers that enabled him to work until a short time prior to his death. He passed away in January, 1905, and was laid to rest in Aspen Grove cemetery. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Leebrick, was born near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1811 and died in 1877. She came to Burlington with her brother, Samuel Leebrick, in the winter of 1833, thus becoming one of the pioneers of this city at a period when Indians roamed the streets. Mr. and Mrs. Worrell had but one child, Mrs. Wootten. The mother had been previously married, however, her first husband being Enoch Wade, by whom she had three daughters, one of whom is now living, Mrs. Carrie Deal, of California. Mrs. Worrell died in 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Worrell were both members of the Methodist church and their sterling worth was greatly appreciated by their many friends.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wootten have been born eight children, all natives of Des Moines county, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Katherine M., the eldest, born in May, 1873, is now the wife of Marion Webster, of Peoria, Illinois. Benjamin Worrell, born in November, 1875, is a molder by trade and resides in Brooklyn, New York. Josephine G., born in September, 1877, is a graduate of the Burlington high school and Normal Training school. She has taught in the John M. Corse school, better known as the West Hill school, and is popular in educational circles, while throughout the community she has many friends. James T., born in March, 1880, is a carpenter of California. He married Miss Lottie

Beck and they have three children, Norma, Phyllis and Gertrude. Merrill Leebrick, born in April, 1884, is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Frank D., born in October, 1887, now resides in Omaha, Nebraska, where he is buyer for the Charles Morton hardware store. Mr. Morton is an old Burlington man, being the son of James Morton, of the firm of Nelson & Morton. The business is conducted at Omaha under the name of the James Morton & Son Company. Frank D. Wootten married Miss Jessie Brown and has one son, Frank Jr., aged three years. Glenn H., born in June, 1893, is at home with his parents. Paul, born in August, 1896, is assisting in the development and improvement of the home place.

Mr. Wootten built his present residence in 1870, or in that year erected a cottage, which he has since converted into a two story residence, making it a comfortable and commodious home. While it was farm property at the time of his purchase it is now within the city limits. In fraternal relations Mr. Wootten is well known as an Odd Fellow, belonging to Washington Lodge. He is a fine looking man, well preserved, and is highly regarded by his friends and neighbors, who speak of him as one of the best citizens of Burlington. For a half century he has here resided and is widely known. He has led a life of industry and uprightness and his salient characteristics have ever commended him to the confidence, goodwill and high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact, his career being that of an earnest and sincere gentleman.

C. P. SQUIRES.

The business life of Burlington received a lasting impetus from the activities of C. P. Squires, who for many years was at the head of important interests in this city. He was not only well known in commercial circles but was connected with the railroad development of this section of the state. Mr. Squires was born in Bennington, Vermont, March 29, 1827, and passed away in Burlington, April 18, 1903, in his seventy-seventh year. He came to the latter city in 1857, there engaging in the drug business as a member of the drug firm of Squires & Bloss. It was due to his sound business policy and high business principles that the concern became the leading one in the city and throughout various changes Mr. Squires continued as the head and soul of the business until 1890, when it was merged with the Churchill Drug Company and Mr. Squires retired from active

affairs, although he retained a financial interest in this company. His store was always "the" drug store of Burlington and a number of successful business men of that city graduated from this establishment into the business world and served their apprenticeship under the direction of our subject.

Mr. Squires had many other interests and was associated with a number of projects that greatly affected the growth of the city. He was a director of the old Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad and became a director of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific when the former was absorbed by the latter. He was also for many years a director of the old narrow gauge line and did efficient work in making the operation of this road a success. He was connected with this system until it became a part of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. From 1895 Mr. Squires was a director of the German-American Savings Bank and in 1901 was elected vice president of that institution. He proved a man of more than ordinary ability in all his business transactions and success came to him on account of his superior qualities of character and intellect.

In 1860 Mr. Squires was united in marriage to Mrs. Frances Dana, who died July 3, 1884. On April 12, 1888, he married Anna Battell Hedge, of Burlington, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza Burr (Eldridge) Hedge. In his long and distinguished career Mr. Squires gave a true example of American citizenship. He was a man of rare business acumen who exerted himself not only for his individual success but readily rendered service in the interest of the community. He was a man of fine character and had a host of friends, who esteemed him more for himself than for his achievements. Mr. Squires was a devoted and consistent member of Christ Episcopal church, which organization he morally and materially supported. His memory is venerated as that of a pioneer who did much for the development of his city and as that of a man who combined business ability with kindness of heart.

AUGUST H. JOHNSON.

August H. Johnson, engaged in the manufacture of tile in Mediapolis, in which connection he conducts one of the important productive industries of the city, was born in Sweden, December 9, 1847, a son of John and Helena (Olson) Johnson, who spent their entire lives upon a farm in Sweden. The father died when their son August was

but seven years of age, after which the mother continued to conduct the farm with the aid of her elder sons. In the family were four boys and four girls. Three of the number came to the United States: Charles; August H.; and Matilda, the wife of Erland Norman, of Mediapolis.

It was in 1868 that August H. Johnson crossed the Atlantic. He arrived in Burlington on the 1st of September of that year and has since resided in this county, covering a period of almost a half century. He had learned the stonemason's trade in his native land and he followed that pursuit after his arrival in Iowa, devoting about twenty years to the business. In 1886 he built his present tile factory and has since been engaged in the manufacture of tile, conducting one of the important business interests of his town. He started in a small way with one kiln but now has three kilns and the output is six hundred thousand tile annually. The plant includes a dry house twenty-four by seventy feet and three stories in height, which was erected in 1911. The old part of the dry house has twelve thousand seven hundred and forty-four square feet of floor space. In 1910 Mr. Johnson admitted his sons to a partnership. They manufacture all sizes of tile up to twelve inches and sell mostly to the local trade. Their business has now reached gratifying proportions and its success is attributable to the close application, careful management and sound business judgment of its founder and promoter.

In 1899 Mr. Johnson personally erected a brick residence in Mediapolis from brick which he had manufactured, so that he is literally the builder of his own home. He owns twenty-five acres within the corporation limits of the town. He has erected a number of dwellings, from which he derives a good rental and he is now engaged in building another brick house. He is also a stockholder in both banks of Mediapolis and is regarded as a representative business man.

In Burlington, on the 14th of March, 1873, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Nelson, who was born in Sweden in 1851 and was brought to Iowa in 1868 by her parents, Magnus and Christina Nelson, who settled in Huron township, Des Moines county, and spent their remaining days upon their farm in that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have become the parents of five children: Ellen, who is now in Chicago; Amanda, the wife of F. H. Liker, of Sigourney, Iowa; Esther, at home; and Martin and Emanuel, who are partners of their father in the tile-manufacturing business.

Mr. Johnson is a republican, voting always for the men and measures of the party because he believes that its principles contain the

best elements of good government. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. At different times he has served as a member of the school board until his connection therewith covers many years and at the present time he is one of the incumbents in that office. He came to this county empty-handed, actuated by a desire to utilize and enjoy broader business opportunities, and by reason of his persistency of purpose and well formulated plans he has gained a creditable place in manufacturing circles and in the conduct of his business affairs has contributed also to the material upbuilding of the community in which he lives.

R. F. KARNEY, M. D.

Dr. R. F. Karney, who was vice president of the Des Moines County Medical Society in 1914, and who is a physician and surgeon whose position of prominence has been established by the consensus of public opinion and the regard of his professional brethren, was born at Brodhead, Wisconsin, August 14, 1882, a son of Marion and Eva (Davis) Karney. The father is engaged in the insurance business and he and his wife reside at Brodhead, Wisconsin.

At the usual age Dr. Karney entered the public schools and passed through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school of Brodhead. Wishing to become a member of the medical profession, he then entered the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago and was graduated with the class of 1907. He afterward spent eighteen months as interne in St. Anthony's Hospital of Chicago, gaining broad experience through his hospital work. He then located in Galesburg, Illinois, where he engaged in general practice for a year, and on the 1st of January, 1911, he came to Burlington. Here he has since engaged in general practice and is also the examining physician for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Although one of the younger representatives of the profession, he is well established and it is well known that he keeps in touch with the most advanced thought and methods of the day and, moreover, his naturally keen perception and logical mind enable him to carefully analyze his cases so that he is seldom if ever at fault in diagnosis. He is a member of the Burlington Medical Society, was vice president of the Des Moines County Medical Society in 1914 and is a member of the Iowa State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

On the 7th of September, 1910, Dr. Karney was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Kurtz, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, and they have gained many friends during the period of their residence in Burlington. Dr. Karney holds membership with the Masons and the Elks and in his political views is a republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties. He is making steady advance in his practice and at all times is actuated in his work by a sense of conscientious obligation.

ROLLIN J. COWLES.

Advancing step by step in the employ of the Chittenden & Eastman Company, furniture manufacturers and jobbers of Burlington, Rollin J. Cowles is now one of the stockholders and directors in the business and is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the trade. He was born in Cordova, Illinois, in 1860, a son of James M. and Louisa (Fuller) Cowles, who in the year 1865 brought their family to Burlington. During the early period of his residence here the father was connected with the flour mill owned by the firm of Putnam & Olmstead and later he established the first steam laundry in Burlington on Front street. At a still later period he was connected with the grain trade in the city and so continued until his death.

In the public schools of Burlington Rollin J. Cowles pursued his studies and thus qualified for the duties of a business career. On starting out he learned the carriage painter's trade, which he followed for two years, and at the end of that time he entered the employ of the firm of Pollock, Granger & Chittenden on the 1st of May, 1881. He has been with that firm and its successors continuously since, or for a third of a century, and has filled various positions in connection with the business. For nineteen years he traveled as a representative of the house, covering northern Iowa and South Dakota, and for the past thirteen years he has been in the office in Burlington. He has acted as buyer and also had charge of the sales department, but during the past few years he has been credit manager, also acting as buyer. He is now one of the stockholders and directors of this company, which is an important manufacturing concern of the city, contributing in large measure to the business development of Burlington, and the largest of its kind in the United States.

On the 27th of December, 1889, Mr. Cowles was united in marriage to Miss Emma M. King, who was a teacher in the public schools of this city and a daughter of William King, one of the early settlers of Burlington. They became the parents of two children, Velma and Rollin. The latter is a well known athlete, having gained a wide reputation as such.

Mrs. Cowles and her daughter are members of the Presbyterian church and in politics Mr. Cowles is an independent republican. His social nature finds expression in various membership relations, as he belongs to the Elks, the Golf Club, the Launch Club and the Carthage Lake Club. While upon the road he early learned the value of good nature, of kindness and courtesy and, never lacking in these qualities, they have made for his present popularity. He, moreover, gained many warm friends wherever he went and high regard is entertained for him wherever he is known.

A. J. COCKRELL.

A. J. Cockrell, commissioner of public improvements, also secretary and treasurer of the Cooperative Supply Company, was born in Burlington on the 7th of May, 1874. His father, James Cockrell, was a native of England, born in 1845, and when a young man he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling first in Canada, where he engaged in the lumber business. In 1871 he arrived in Burlington, where he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred March 11, 1885. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Belles and was born in England, October 20, 1846, while her death occurred April 13, 1912. Two sisters of A. J. Cockrell are yet living: Mrs. Edgar Honnam, of Burlington; and Mrs. Fred C. Smallcombe, of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Cockrell of this review acquired his education in the public schools but his opportunities were somewhat limited owing to the fact that he found it necessary to earn his living when but ten years of age. He first worked in a grocery store and remained in that business until 1902. He was industrious, energetic and faithful and thus he was advanced from time to time, his earnings increasing proportionately. Carefully saving his money, he was at length enabled to embark in the transfer business, in which he is still engaged. He has always used his opportunities to good advantage and has constantly been alert for chances to broaden the scope of his labors.

He joined with his brothers in organizing the Cooperative Supply Company, of which he became the secretary and treasurer, and in this connection he still continues. He was elected commissioner of public improvements in April, 1914, and in that position has charge of all street improvements, sewers, etc. In the discharge of his duties he is displaying a practical knowledge of the work under his direction together with a zealous devotion to the public good.

Mr. Cockrell was united in marriage to Miss Katie Ortell, of Dubuque, Iowa, who acquired a thorough education in the schools of her home city. Mr. Cockrell holds membership with the Eagles and the Moose. His political views are in accord with the principles of the socialist party and his religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. He may truly be called a self-made man and he deserves all the praise which that term implies for, starting out in life for himself at the age of ten years, he has worked his way steadily upward, wisely utilizing his time and talents and carving out for himself opportunities where none previously existed. His record is a most creditable one and he commands the confidence, respect and goodwill of all with whom he is associated.

SIMEON RUSSELL.

Among the early and successful citizens of Des Moines county may be mentioned Simeon Russell, who was an able and competent contractor in Burlington for over forty years, having erected many of the finest buildings in the city. Mr. Russell was born in Newcastle county, near Wilmington, Delaware, January 25, 1825, being the seventh and youngest son of Christopher and Jane (Bowman) Russell. Christopher Russell was born in Pickering, Yorkshire, England, July 10, 1786. He came to Delaware in early pioneer times and spent the greater part of his life on a farm and passed away on the 12th of April, 1847. Jane (Bowman) Russell was born in Pickering, Yorkshire, England, in 1797, and died in Wilmington, Delaware, March 14, 1827. Of the seven sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell, all have passed away.

Simeon Russell remained on his father's farm until sixteen years of age, when he went to Maysville, Mason county, Kentucky, to reside with his brother, Christopher Russell, with whom he spent four years in learning the brick mason's trade. During the following four years he worked at his trade in Delaware and then returned to Maysville,

Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained for two years. In 1851, thinking there was a good opening for young men in the west, Mr. Russell decided to come to Iowa and chose the city of Burlington as the scene of his future home. The erection of the North Hill school was in progress at this time and Mr. Russell at once secured employment on this building. His ability as an expert mason was at once discovered and his wages increased accordingly. In the spring of 1852, Mr. Russell began contracting for himself and erected many of the finest buildings of the city, among which may be mentioned: South Hill school, 1852; Cumberland Presbyterian church, 1855; St. Paul's church, 1856; South Boundary school, 1861; Germania school, 1866; Hibernia school, 1875; Prospect Hill school, 1879. In 1891, he superintended the erection of the Saunderson and the present Sunnyside schools. In 1885, Mr. Russell had associated with him in business Mr. Frank Orm, now deceased, and during this time they built the German American Savings Bank block. The first brick paving laid in Burlington was that done by Mr. Russell in alley No. 4, between Arch and High streets, and it is still one of the best pieces of paving in the city. His motto all through life was: "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." Many of the prominent and well-to-do citizens were proud to say they received their early training under Mr. Russell or worked for him later in life.

On the 19th of September, 1854, Mr. Russell and Miss Elizabeth Whitaker were united in marriage at the home of her parents on the borders of Canaan township, Henry county, Iowa. Mrs. Russell was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, November 23, 1832, and was a daughter of George and Jane (Wood) Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker was born November 20, 1808; Jane (Wood) Whitaker, July 31, 1808; both in Leeds, Yorkshire, England. They came to America in 1849 and to the city of Burlington on the 3d of March, 1850. They resided on a farm in Henry county, Iowa, for several years and then took up their abode in Franklin township, Des Moines county, where they were successful farmers until 1868, when they removed to the city of Burlington to spend the remainder of their lives. Mr. Whitaker passed away March 26, 1887, while the death of his wife occurred four weeks later, April 23, 1887. Their remains were interred in the Aspen Grove cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Russell were born seven children: Angela W., who died on her first birthday; George S.; Emma J.; William C.; Clara E.; S. Lillian; and John Byron who died at the age of thirteen months. Mrs. Russell was a devoted member of the First Baptist church of Burlington for fifty-eight years, having joined the same in February, 1854.

Politically Mr. Russell was a democrat and, though never soliciting office, his skill and qualifications won for him the position of city building commissioner during the years of 1885 and 1886. Mr. Russell was held in the highest esteem in all the various walks of life. He was kind and benevolent, held to his convictions and had the happy faculty of differing from others and yet not antagonizing them. He was broad and liberal-minded, always progressive and greatly interested in educational matters. On account of ill health, he was forced to retire from active business early in life. His pleasant and happy home was at No. 521 North Seventh street where he and his devoted wife lived for over fifty years and where his daughters, Emma J., Clara E. and S. Lillian Russell, still reside. On the 21st of November, 1906, Mr. Russell entered upon his final rest. Mrs. Russell, who was a true and typical helpmate and one greatly admired for her many sterling qualities of heart and hand, departed this life after a number of years of invalidism on the 23d of July, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are both buried in the beautiful cemetery known as Aspen Grove.

W. A. BAUM.

W. A. Baum is the efficient manager of the Iowa Biscuit Company. He is a self-made man who has worked his way upward from a farmer boy to his present responsible position. Power and ability grow through the exercise of effort and it has been along that line that he has reached a place where important interests are now under his control and where the leading business men of the city recognize him as an honored colleague. He was born in Waterloo, Iowa, on the 4th of January, 1863, and is a son of Samuel and Amelia (Van Schoick) Baum, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Vermont. They were married, however, in La Porte City, Iowa, where the father worked at the trades of plasterer and stonemason. In an early day he removed to Waterloo, where he resided until his death, and was there closely connected with the industrial activity of the city.

In his boyhood days W. A. Baum began work upon a farm and about 1879, when a youth of sixteen years, he entered the employ of Cleveland, Manson & Wickman, of Waterloo. Later he was employed by the firm of Schaefer & Dows at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, continuing with that house for ten years. Still later he was with the National Biscuit Company until February 25, 1907, representing that

corporation as superintendent at Des Moines, as manager at Rock Island, Illinois, as sales agent at Burlington, Iowa, as manager at St. Louis and as manager at Fort Worth, Texas. Later he became superintendent for the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company at St. Louis and on the 16th of July, 1908, he accepted the position of manager with the Iowa Biscuit Company of Burlington, in which connection he yet remains. This company has a large and well equipped plant and as manager Mr. Baum directs the operations of manufacturing and the disposition of the product.

On the 20th of October, 1887, Mr. Baum was united in marriage to Miss Etta Peppers, of La Porte City, Iowa, and to them have been born three children, Bertha May, S. Leo and N. Vernon. Mr. Baum is an advocate of republican principles but has never been an aspirant for office. He holds membership in the Baptist church and is affiliated with the Elks and is also a member of the Commercial Exchange. His entire life has been spent in Iowa with the exception of a few years spent in Illinois and Texas, and he has ever been guided by the spirit of advancement and progress which has characterized the upbuilding of the state. Those who know him, and he has an extensive acquaintance by reason of the important position which he fills, entertain for him high regard and his character stands the test of long friendship.

LEOPOLD KRIEG.

Leopold Krieg, conducting a plumbing establishment at No. 210 South Third street, was born in Burlington on the 9th of June, 1870, a son of Leopold and Katherine (Seppie) Krieg, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father left the fatherland in early life, came to the United States and was married on this side of the Atlantic, Miss Katherine Seppie becoming his wife. It was in the '60s that they became residents of Iowa, settling in Burlington, where the father engaged in the grocery trade. He later conducted a spice and coffee business and as the years passed on became recognized as a foremost figure in commercial circles here. His death occurred January 13, 1894, and his widow has now survived for more than twenty years.

Leopold Krieg is one of the vast number who owe their commercial training to the thorough system of instruction in Elliott's Business College. He learned the plumber's trade in Omaha.

Nebraska, and in 1898 returned to Burlington and opened a plumbing shop. In this he was interested for a year and then sold out, but in 1906 again embarked in business on his own account and since that time has won a gratifying and substantial measure of success. In September, 1912, he removed to his present location at No. 210 South Third street, where he conducts a large business, employing ten men. He has the contract for plumbing work in many of the best buildings of the city and his own knowledge of the trade enables him to carefully direct the labors of those whom he employs. He keeps in touch with the most advanced methods in the work and has won a measure of success that is most gratifying.

In 1899 Mr. Krieg was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Melcher, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and they have two children, Richard W. and Marie. Mrs. Krieg is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Krieg belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has advanced to the Knight Templar degree in the commandery, at all times exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a democrat but does not seek nor desire office. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. Whenever it is possible for him to aid in advancing a public measure of worth he does so, but his chief interest has been his business and the thoroughness with which he mastered his trade and the efficiency with which he has conducted his interests since that time have been the chief factors in his success.

DENISE DENISE.

Denise Denise figured prominently in connection with the early commercial development of Burlington, for he was a partner in the first packing house of the city. From the age of fifteen years he was dependent upon his own resources and as time passed on he so directed his efforts and activities that he gained a gratifying measure of prosperity. Moreover, the rules and principles which governed his conduct were those which control strict and unswerving integrity as well as enterprise. His many substantial qualities, therefore, made him a valued resident of Burlington and his name should have a place upon the pages of its history.



DENISE DENISE

He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, December 1, 1815, and was of French Huguenot descent, his ancestors having emigrated from France to Holland on account of the Edict of Nantes. He acquired his education in the schools of his native country and when fifteen years of age made his initial step in the business world in connection with a dry-goods house of Franklin, Ohio. He was not afraid of work and his close application, determination and ability won him promotion and ultimately he became a partner in the firm of Wilson, Schenck & Denise. A later change in the partnership led to the adoption of the firm style of Schenck & Denise and in that connection Mr. Denise continued in business in Ohio until 1846, when they sold out and came to Burlington, finding here a small but growing city which was fast becoming a trade center for western districts as the country in that section became settled. Here the firm of Schenck & Denise established the first packing house of Burlington and from the beginning the new enterprise prospered, their business growing year by year. Mr. Denise remained an active factor in its conduct until, on account of impaired health, he retired, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. He was also a silent partner in the firm of L. H. Dalhoff & Company, wholesale dealers in notions, and for many years faithfully served the city in the capacity of clerk of the court.

Mr. Denise was married on the 12th of September, 1843, to Miss Mary Eliza Schenck, of Franklin, Ohio, who still survives. She acquired her early education in her native town and was afterward graduated from the Oxford Female College at Oxford, Ohio, with the class of 1839. She is today the oldest living alumnus of that school and on Easter, 1914, she received a postal shower from the pupils of the school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Denise were active church workers and after coming to Burlington Mr. Denise served as a trustee in the Presbyterian church and later was chosen ruling elder and made clerk of the session, which office he filled until 1873. He was elected elder emeritus on the 17th of February, 1884, a merited tribute to his years and experience. At all times he displayed a public-spirited devotion to the general good and cooperated in many plans and measures for the upbuilding and benefit of Burlington. He passed away at the home of his son-in-law, Rev. E. R. Burkhalter, of Cedar Rapids, on the 21st of July, 1891, when in the seventy-sixth year of his age. Although twenty-three years have since come and gone, his memory remains as a benediction to all who knew him because of

his upright life and the nobility of his character. Mrs. Denise, who still survives, has always been an active church worker, devoting much time to charity and benevolent projects, and is much beloved in her home city.

WILLIAM WRIGHT BALDWIN.

Life to William Wright Baldwin has meant opportunity and the opportunity has been well improved. His educational advantages were liberal and upon that foundation he has builded a career of usefulness and honor, being recognized today as one of the leading railroad attorneys not only of Iowa but of the middle west. In his present connection as vice president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company he stands as a prominent figure in transportation circles. Anyone meeting Mr. Baldwin face to face would know at once that he is an individual embodying all the elements of what in this country we term "a square man"—one in whom to have confidence, a dependable man in any relation and in any emergency. His quietude of deportment, his easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address, with the total absence of anything sinister or anything to conceal, fore-taken a man who is ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

Mr. Baldwin was born in Keosauqua, Iowa, September 28, 1845, a son of Charles Baldwin, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. After attending the public schools of his native town he matriculated in Lane's Academy in 1860 and in 1862 was enrolled among the students of the Iowa State University, in which he completed his course by graduation with the class of 1866. In his college days he was one of the founders of the Zetegathean Society and belonged to the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. With broad literary learning to serve as the foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional knowledge he took up the study of law in the Iowa Law School, then located in Des Moines and afterward established as the law department of the State University. He was graduated therefrom in 1867 with salutatorian honors. During his student days he earned considerable money in copying for the printers the opinions of the supreme court, and after paying all the expenses of his college course he found himself with a capital of seventy-five dollars. He became law clerk

and office boy in the employ of J. C. and B. J. Hall of Burlington and a year later was offered a partnership with the late Judge Harrington, with whom he was associated in practice for two years. His identification with the legal department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company dates from 1879, when he accepted the position of land commissioner for the Iowa land department of the railroad. His position with the corporation has been one of growing importance. For a number of years he was president of the St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern and other branches of the Burlington system, and was one of the promoters of the Burlington & Northwestern Railway. In 1890 appointment made him land commissioner of the Nebraska land department and a year later he was called to the office of assistant to the president, remaining in that connection until 1909, when he was elected to the vice presidency. In this connection he has supervision of matters pertaining to taxation, land, telegraph and many of the general corporate and government relations of the company.

The United Press Syndicate says of him: "The services of Mr. William W. Baldwin with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, covering the greater part of his active career, are coincident, in point of time, with the development of that road into one of the great systems of the country; and to that development, in its legal phases and bearings, it may well be said, he has been a large contributing factor. As assistant to the president, and more recently as vice president, his services in connection with the corporate and government relations of a system operating ten thousand miles of road in eleven states have been of such a character as to be far-reaching in their beneficial results and to win for him a high standing among the country's railroad attorneys."

While his financial and business interests have been of constantly growing extent and importance, Mr. Baldwin has never failed to feel the deepest concern in local affairs and to cooperate in all measures for civic betterment. For many years he has been president of the school board of Burlington and as its directing head has greatly improved the school system of the city. He has also been a trustee of the public library, and has been president of the charity organization society of Burlington since its establishment. He is also a director and secretary of the Opera House Company and he has cooperated in many public movements which have been of distinct value in furthering civilization and improvement in city and state. His political allegiance has ever been given to the democratic party, with a firm belief in sound money and low tariff. There is an interesting

military chapter in his life record, for during his college days he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a private of Company D, Forty-fourth Iowa Infantry in the spring of 1864 and serving until discharged, three and a half months later, on the 15th of September, 1864. During that period he was on duty in western Tennessee.

In Des Moines, in 1870, Mr. Baldwin was united in marriage to Miss Alice Tuttle, a daughter of Martin and Mary (George) Tuttle. Her father was a man of prominence and was a brother of General James M. Tuttle, who served as colonel of the Second Iowa Infantry and became a brigadier-general. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin were three sons. Martin T., who married Edith Crapo, has been counsel for the United States government in the customs court of New York for several years. William is secretary of the Fellsmere Farms Company of New York city. Roger A. is assistant cashier of the Iowa State Savings Bank in Burlington.

Such in brief is the history of William Wright Baldwin, a native son of Iowa, whose record reflects credit and honor upon the state. Developing through the exercise of effort the powers with which nature endowed him, he has risen to prominence in railway circles. Starting out in life without any vaulting ambition to accomplish something great or famous, he has followed the lead of his opportunities, doing as best he could anything that came to hand and seizing legitimate advantages as they have arisen. He has never hesitated to take a forward step when the way was open. Fortunate in possessing ability and character that inspire confidence in others, the simple weight of his character and ability has carried him into important relations with large interests, until he is now vice president of one of the important railway systems of the country.

P. H. PHILLIPS.

P. H. Phillips, president and treasurer of the Phillips Lime & Coal Company, of Burlington, has been actively engaged in business along this line since 1899. Watchful of opportunities pointing to success, he has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way and by reason of his well defined plans and his even paced energy he has come to a creditable and prominent position in the commercial circles of the city.

He was born in Burlington, March 6, 1872, a son of M. W. and Elizabeth (Combs) Phillips. The father was a native of Paris,

Indiana, and in early life came to Iowa, settling at Moravia, where he engaged in general merchandising. In 1866 he removed to Burlington, where he became a wholesale dealer in hats, conducting that business with growing success for a quarter of a century, or until his death, which occurred in 1891. His wife had long since passed away, dying in 1874. They were the parents of five children, two of whom died in early childhood, the others being: Grant, who is in business with P. H. Phillips; and Cyrus, a resident of Seattle, Washington. The father was a well known member of the Masonic fraternity and was also a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His political indorsement was given to the republican party, but he was never an aspirant for office.

P. H. Phillips received his business training in Elliott's Business College following a course in the public schools of Burlington. His initial experience in commercial circles was made in his father's establishment, and, acquainting himself with every phase of the business, he continued to conduct the wholesale hat store, following his father's death, until 1896. He was also proprietor of a retail establishment for the selling of hats and men's furnishings on Fourth and Jefferson streets, but in 1896 closed out both the wholesale and retail features of his business. He afterward spent two years in connection with manufacturing interests and in 1899 he bought out the Harper & Company coal business. The same year he incorporated his interests under the name of the Phillips Lime & Coal Company, W. W. Parsons becoming president, with Mr. Phillips as secretary and treasurer. That association was maintained until 1907, when Mr. Phillips bought the interest of Mr. Parsons in the business and since that time has been president and treasurer, with M. A. Phillips as secretary. The business is located at Fourth and Division streets, where they handle a large line of coal and building materials. Their patronage has grown year by year and their business has now reached extensive and gratifying proportions as the result of carefully controlled interests and the employment of progressive and thoroughly reliable principles.

In 1898 Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Schramm, a daughter of Henry and Ida (Copp) Schramm. They have become the parents of three children, Paul, Helen and Milo, all at home. Mr. Phillips exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and he has membership with the Elks and in the Commercial Exchange. He also belongs to the Crystal Lake Club, the Sand Lake Club and the Carthage Lake Club and is interested in the line of activities and recreation suggested

by the names of those organizations. He resides with his family at No. 800 South Eighth street on the property once owned by Ex-Governor Grimes. Having always lived in Burlington, he is well known to its citizens and in business affairs he has long occupied an honorable and conspicuous position. Gradually he has advanced step by step, constantly increasing the scope of his interests. His business methods conform to high commercial standards and he has won for himself the most favorable regard by reason of his straightforward dealing, his enterprise and spirit of unfeigned cordiality.

JOHN W. VAN OSDOL.

Among the retired farmers of Des Moines county is John W. Van Osdol, who now makes his home in Mediapolis. For an extended period he was actively engaged in the cultivation of his farm of two hundred and eighty acres near the town. He represents one of the old pioneer families of Des Moines county, his birth having occurred in Benton township, January 20, 1844. His parents, William and Hannah (Banta) Van Osdol, were natives of Kentucky. The father's birth occurred in 1816 and in early life he learned and followed the miller's trade. In boyhood he accompanied his parents on their removal from Kentucky to Switzerland county, Indiana, where he was reared and married. Removing westward to Iowa, he cast in his lot with the early settlers of Des Moines county, purchasing eighty acres of partially improved land on section 4, Benton township, where he made his home for six or eight years. He afterward became the owner of a farm in Franklin township and a little later he purchased the site of the old Franklin Mills. He built the original mill, which was used as a sawmill, but later he converted it into a flour mill which he operated until 1856. He afterward devoted four years to merchandising in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and then again resumed farming, becoming the owner of land on section 33, Benton township, whereon he made his home until he was called to his final rest on the 3d of October, 1868. He cooperated in many plans and measures for the public good and did everything in his power to advance the up-building and development of his community.

Following the death of her husband Mrs. Van Osdol removed to Mediapolis and made her home there for twenty-four years ere she passed away in July, 1892, at the age of sixty-seven years, when her grave was made by the side of her husband, in the Franklin Mills

cemetery. Their family numbered the following children besides our subject: Mahala, who is the widow of J. W. McDonald and resides in Mediapolis; Melissa, the widow of J. W. King and also a resident of Mediapolis; Martha, who has acted as housekeeper for her brother, John, since the death of his wife; Melinda, the wife of T. S. Poole, a Methodist minister, now living in Mount Pleasant, their daughter, Lydia, having served as a missionary for six years in India and having recently returned to work in Jabalpur, India, after a visit to this country; Mary, the wife of Nicholas Boyce, of Clarinda, Iowa; Jane, the wife of Henry Walker, of Mediapolis; Anna, who married Frank Corder, of Oklahoma; Minnie, the wife of Albert Hollinger, of Chicago; and Birdie, who married John Piper, of Burlington.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, John W. Van Osdol acquired his early education in the district schools of Franklin township, this county, and afterward attended high school at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. He was a youth of but eighteen years when he responded to the country's call for aid and on the 19th of August, 1862, joined Company G, Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry, at Mount Pleasant. Upon being honorably discharged at Vicksburg in 1864 he immediately reenlisted as a member of Company H, Forty-fifth Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He saw duty on many hotly-contested battlefields, participating in the engagements at Chickamauga, Arkansas Post and the siege of Vicksburg. He was honorably discharged at Keokuk in September, 1864, after which he returned to his father's home in Benton township and for three years assisted in the cultivation of the farm. He subsequently went to Mediapolis, where he conducted a livestock and grain business for four years as a partner of his brother-in-law, J. W. McDonald, under the firm style of McDonald & Company. They met with success and erected a large elevator, conducting an extensive and profitable business until 1876, when they sold out. At that date Mr. Van Osdol rented a farm of two hundred and eighty acres and began its cultivation. In October, 1892, he purchased the property and continued its development until March, 1914, when he retired from active life and returned to Mediapolis. He had brought his farm to a high state of cultivation, carrying on the work according to modern, progressive measures. He erected an attractive, two-story frame dwelling and also a large barn and other outbuildings that gave ample shelter to grain and stock. He also engaged successfully in the raising of hogs and cattle, and as the years passed his labors brought to him a gratifying measure of success that now

enables him to rest at the age of three score years and ten with sufficient to supply all of his needs throughout the remainder of his life.

On the 10th of October, 1867, Mr. Van Osdol was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Poole, who was born in Benton township on a farm which was afterward purchased by her husband. Her parents were Robert and Lydia (Saddler) Poole. The former was born in Clay county, Ohio, August 3, 1817, while his parents were natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poole were married in 1839, and in 1841 cast in their lot with the early settlers of Iowa territory. Mr. Poole purchased three hundred and sixty acres of partially improved land, on which he built a log cabin. This he occupied for ten years, after which he erected a more modern and commodious residence. Other improvements were made from year to year and he extended the boundaries of his farm until it comprised four hundred acres. He retired in 1881 and removed to Mediapolis, where his death occurred on the 6th of September, 1894. His wife passed away January 27, 1896, and was laid to rest by his side in the Kossuth cemetery. They were earnest and consistent Christian people, greatly interested in church and Sunday school work. They were of the Methodist faith and took a helpful part in organizing the congregation and building the church at Tamatown, Iowa. Mr. Poole served as church steward for more than four decades and in 1884 was elected a delegate to the Iowa annual conference. It was a matter of great gratification to Mr. and Mrs. Poole that all of their children embraced the Christian faith and became consistent and earnest church members. They had a family of six children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: Nancy, the wife of William Foster, of Mediapolis; Thomas S., a Methodist Episcopal minister; Mrs. Van Osdol; and Eliza Josephine, the wife of Samuel V. McCallister, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Osdol have become the parents of a son and two daughters. Thomas O., who was born in Benton township, July 21, 1868, wedded Miss Mattie L. Walker, a daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Friend) Walker, and they have five children, Alma, Mary, John, Wren and Gladys. They reside on the old homestead farm, which Thomas O. Van Osdol is operating. Nora M. is the wife of James R. Walker, a son of Isaac and Hannah Walker, and they also occupied a part of the old homestead, but in 1913 Mr. Walker sold out and purchased one hundred and sixty acres near Middletown, Iowa. They have become the parents of eight children: Jay; Rollie; Ralph; Dale; Thomas and Howard, both deceased; one who died unnamed in infancy; and Mildred. Zora M.,

who was graduated from the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant with the class of 1907, is now the wife of Neil Walker, by whom she has two children, Earl and Paul. They reside upon a part of her father's farm.

Mr. Van Osdol has been treasurer of the Rock Point school district for twenty-eight years, and is filling the office at the present time. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and has a fine collection of badges which he has worn at the various reunions of that organization. He has always voted the republican ticket and is a stalwart advocate of that organization, which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and has ever been the party of reform and progress. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and for a number of years he has served as church trustee. His has been an active and useful life, nearly all of which has been passed in this county, and his many sterling traits have gained for him the warm regard, confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

R. H. TAEGER.

R. H. Taeger is a wholesale and retail dealer in glassware used for wines and liquors, conducting a business which was founded by his father, Charles H. Taeger, who was born in Burlington in 1864. He was educated in the schools of this city and spent the period of his business life here. He married Amelia Bokenkamp, of Burlington, who was born March 14, 1866. They became the parents of two children, the daughter being Mrs. Fred Schramm.

R. H. Taeger was born in this city March 4, 1885, and supplemented his public-school education by a course in Elliott's Business College. He left school in 1904 and joined his father, Charles H. Taeger, who in 1887 had established a business as a dealer in wines and liquor glassware which he sold both to the wholesale and retail trades. Upon the death of his father R. H. Taeger succeeded to the business, which he is now successfully conducting. He has eight employes in the Burlington establishment and is represented upon the road by three traveling salesmen, who visit Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota and a part of Illinois. The business is now large and profitable and the trade has grown year by year under the capable direction of Mr. Taeger, who has made a close study of the business and is thus able to supply the demands of his customers.

On the 2d of August, 1909, Mr. Taeger was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Wilcox, of Burlington, who was educated here, and they have one daughter, Mary Jane, who was born December 16, 1911.

Mr. Taeger is a member of the Elks lodge, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Owls and the Gobblers. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. The nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Crystal Lake Club, the Lone Tree Fishing Club and the Penkham Fishing Club, and he also greatly enjoys motoring. It has been said that the evenly balanced man knows how to play well just as much as he knows how to work well. Mr. Taeger enters heartily into the joys of fishing or motoring but in business hours gives his undivided attention to the development of his trade.

J. B. SUTTER.

Throughout his entire business career J. B. Sutter has been most careful to conform his activities to high commercial standards and in the employment of progressive and honorable methods has won a substantial success. He was until very recently at the head of important commercial interests in Burlington, where he carried the largest and most complete line of sporting goods in the state. He also sold automobiles and was agent for a number of the best known machines.

Mr. Sutter was born in Burlington, July 4, 1876, and is a son of Boniface and Mary (Barnica) Sutter, who at an early period arrived in Burlington. The father was a stationary engineer and in other ways was connected with the industrial interests of the city, but is now living retired. He also conducted newspaper agencies for many years. J. B. Sutter obtained a public-school education, supplemented by a course of study in Lombard College at Galesburg, Illinois. Turning his attention into business channels, he began dealing in bicycles in Burlington, and on the 10th of March, 1901, removed to No. 319 North Third street. On the 1st of July, 1909, he removed to Nos. 113-115 North Main street, where he occupied a building with a frontage of forty feet and three stories and basement in height. The business gradually developed in its scope

and he carried a full line of sporting goods unsurpassed by any similar stock in Iowa. Moreover, he was the first man to sell automobiles in Burlington, and in 1914 when he sold out he handled the Ford, Maxwell, Overland, Marion and Stevens-Duryea cars. He devoted the third floor of the building to auto repairing. It is a room forty feet wide and a half block long, and he made it one of the best equipped shops in Burlington. He did oxygen and acetylene welding and tire vulcanizing. He employed twenty-five people in the shop, of whom fifteen are skilled mechanics, and he also had three traveling salesmen upon the road. He sold at both wholesale and retail and controlled the territory in several counties. He sold out on the 14th of September, 1914, but contemplates going into business again in the near future.

On the 12th of July, 1904, Mr. Sutter was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Swigert, a native of Vancouver, British Columbia. They have a son, Lyman B., who was born June 12, 1906, and is now eight years of age. Mr. Sutter is a republican, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the Commercial Exchange and is a believer in its plans and measures for advancing the general good. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks and the Moose, and socially with the Lone Tree Fishing Club. Since starting out in life on his own account his progress has been continuous. Earnest, persistent labor has been the foundation for his success. He has witnessed remarkable changes, not only in his individual business, but also in the general field of automobile sales. He was, as stated, the first man in Burlington to handle cars, and his patronage grew year by year until as agent for many lines of cars he controlled a trade that was very extensive and gratifying.

V. A. JOHNSON.

V. A. Johnson, cashier of the West Burlington Savings Bank, has in this connection been closely identified with the financial interests of the city for about eight years. At the outset of his business career he learned how indispensable are the qualities of industry, perseverance and close application, and in the utilization of these he has worked his way steadily upward. He was born in this city March 13, 1863, a son of Augustus and Matilda (Peterson) Johnson,

both of whom were natives of Sweden. The year 1850 witnessed their arrival in Burlington, in which city they were married. The father was a contractor and builder, and in the early days was thus identified with the industrial activity of the city, but in later life followed farming and is now living retired. He has long survived his wife, who passed away in 1868. They had five children, as follows: Jennie M., at home; F. E., who follows farming near Burlington; V. A., of this review; Annie M., who is the wife of Robert L. Russell and resides in Kansas; and Samuel W. G., who makes his home in Burlington, Iowa.

V. A. Johnson acquired a public-school education, supplemented by a course in Elliott's Business College, from which he was graduated, and in the Iowa Commercial Institute, of Davenport, of which he is also a graduate. He started out in the business world in April, 1887, when a young man of twenty-four years, being made a member of the office force of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. There he continued until January 2, 1907, gradually working his way upward, his ability winning him promotion from time to time until his position was one of prominence and importance. At the date mentioned, however, he became one of the organizers of the West Burlington Savings Bank, which was formed by Colonel G. H. Higbee, who became president; Dr. E. E. Kirkendall, who was elected vice president, and Mr. Johnson, who became the cashier. The first directors were G. H. Higbee, J. A. Carney, George W. Scholes, Paul R. Ramp, E. E. Kirkendall, P. B. Smith, A. A. Bosch, F. J. Riling and C. H. Walsh. There has been no change in the directorate, save that C. H. Wuellner has taken the place of J. A. Carney, and Paul R. Ramp has been succeeded by J. L. B. Graham. The officers of the company, however, remain the same. The bank has been capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and has deposits amounting to two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The company has erected and paid for its building at No. 101 Broadway, in West Burlington. This is exclusively a bank building.

On the 19th of December, 1889, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Annie W. Hewitt, of West Burlington, her parents being George and Elizabeth Hewitt. To them have been born seven children, five of whom survive, as follows: Grace M., who gave her hand in marriage to Herman Beck, an agriculturist residing near Burlington; and Eva G., Georgia E., Florence and Chester C., all at home. The children have been given liberal educational advantages. Several are high-school graduates and Mrs.

Beck was for three years a teacher. The daughter Florence is now engaged in teaching, and two of the family are now clerking in Burlington.

Mr. Johnson is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Woodmen of the World, and the Moose. Aside from his business, however, he has been most prominent in political circles and is a recognized leader in the ranks of the republican party. For four years he served as mayor of West Burlington, was town clerk for nine years and has been secretary of the school board since 1891. There has been no question as to his fidelity to duty nor his capability in office. Public interests have been furthered through his efforts, and progress has been promoted in many directions. He stands at all times for advancement, and his activities have been of far-reaching effect and benefit in Burlington. Moreover, his business career is indicative of what may be accomplished when energy and determination point out the way, and when there is ready discrimination between the essential and the non-essential.

F. G. COMER.

F. G. Comer is the manager of the New Delano Hotel, of Burlington, and is a popular host, his guests finding him at all times reasonable and reliable in business matters and ever watchful for the comfort and welfare of his patrons. He was born in Hancock county, Illinois, in 1875, and after attending the public schools continued his preparation for life's practical duties by pursuing a commercial course in the Gem City Business College, of Quincy, Illinois. He afterward went to the west and was engaged in the land business in Colorado. His connection with the west continued for some time, during which he engaged in mining in Nevada and southern Missouri. He made his initial step in connection with hotel interests at Tampa, Florida, in 1898, there conducting the De Soto Hotel for a year. He then returned to Missouri and at Joplin was again identified with mining interests. Still later he went to Nevada, where he spent a few years during the gold excitement, and in 1910 he came to Burlington. In May of that year he established the New Delano Hotel. He has since remodeled and refurnished the building throughout. The hotel is today a modern and attractive hostelry, containing seventy-five outside rooms, twenty

of which have private baths. The hotel is conducted on the European plan with a cafe in connection and a liberal patronage is now enjoyed.

In 1897 Mr. Comer was united in marriage to Miss Leila Robinson, of Keokuk. In fraternal circles he is known as an Elk and an Eagle. His political views are in accord with the principles and purposes of the republican party, but he manifests only a citizen's interest in politics, casting his ballot for the candidates whom he thinks will best fill the offices. He has lived at various points in the west and is familiar with the history of its progress and development. Everywhere that he has gone the truth has been impressed upon him that honorable success is the outcome of persistency of purpose, close application and unfaltering diligence, and he has cultivated these qualities throughout the course of his business career.

ED EVERETT KIRKENDALL, M. D.

Dr. Ed Everett Kirkendall, advancing steadily in the practice of his profession owing to his close study and wide reading, which keeps him in touch with the advanced thought and scientific methods of the day, is now accounted one of the able physicians of Burlington and is enjoying a steadily increasing practice. He was born in Kansas on the 27th of March, 1859, and is a son of Elijah B. and Mary (Frazee) Kirkendall. The father, a native of Indiana, was brought to Iowa in early childhood, and attended the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant. For an extended period he lived in Van Buren county, this state, but afterward removed to Lyon county, Kansas, where he remained for eight years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Iowa, settling at Douds Leando, where he is now engaged in the banking business.

Dr. Kirkendall, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, passed a portion of his boyhood in Kansas and then came with his parents to Iowa. He attended school at Mount Pleasant, where he was a student in Iowa Wesleyan University, and later he entered the State University at Iowa City, in which he pursued his medical course, winning his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1885. Immediately afterward he took up his abode in West Burlington, where he has since been engaged in general practice. In the thirty years which have since elapsed he has made continuous progress, and throughout his professional career anything that

tends to bring to man the key to that complex mystery which we call life has been of interest to him. Aside from his practice, he is connected with financial affairs, being vice president of the West Burlington Savings Bank.

On the 29th of October, 1885, Dr. Kirkendall was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Peacock, of Van Buren county, Iowa, and to them have been born a son and daughter: Horace Waldo, who is married and follows farming in this county; and Mary Esther, who is in college at Grinnell, Iowa.

The parents hold membership in the Methodist church and guide their lives by its teachings. Dr. Kirkendall is also a faithful member of the Masonic fraternity, and in his political views is a republican. His membership along strictly professional lines is with the Des Moines County Medical Society, in which he has been honored with the presidency, and is a member of the Iowa State Medical Society. Promptness, extreme care and caution have ever been exercised in his practice, and at the same time he has been actuated by a spirit of progressiveness that has made him acquainted with the latest improved methods in the treatment of disease.

JOHN A. FRITZ.

John A. Fritz, residing on Sunnyside avenue in Burlington, is a well known citizen here, for practically his entire life has been passed in Des Moines county. He was born near West Burlington on the 29th of July, 1866, a son of John and Catharine (Goetsche) Fritz, both of whom were natives of Germany, in which country they were reared and married. On coming to the new world they made their way direct to Des Moines county, where their remaining days were passed. The father was a farmer by occupation, and thus provided for the support of his family. His wife died when their son, John A., was a little lad, leaving to the husband the care of a large family of children whom he reared to be good citizens. There were six sons and two daughters, and they had every reason to revere and bless the memory of their father, who passed away in 1905.

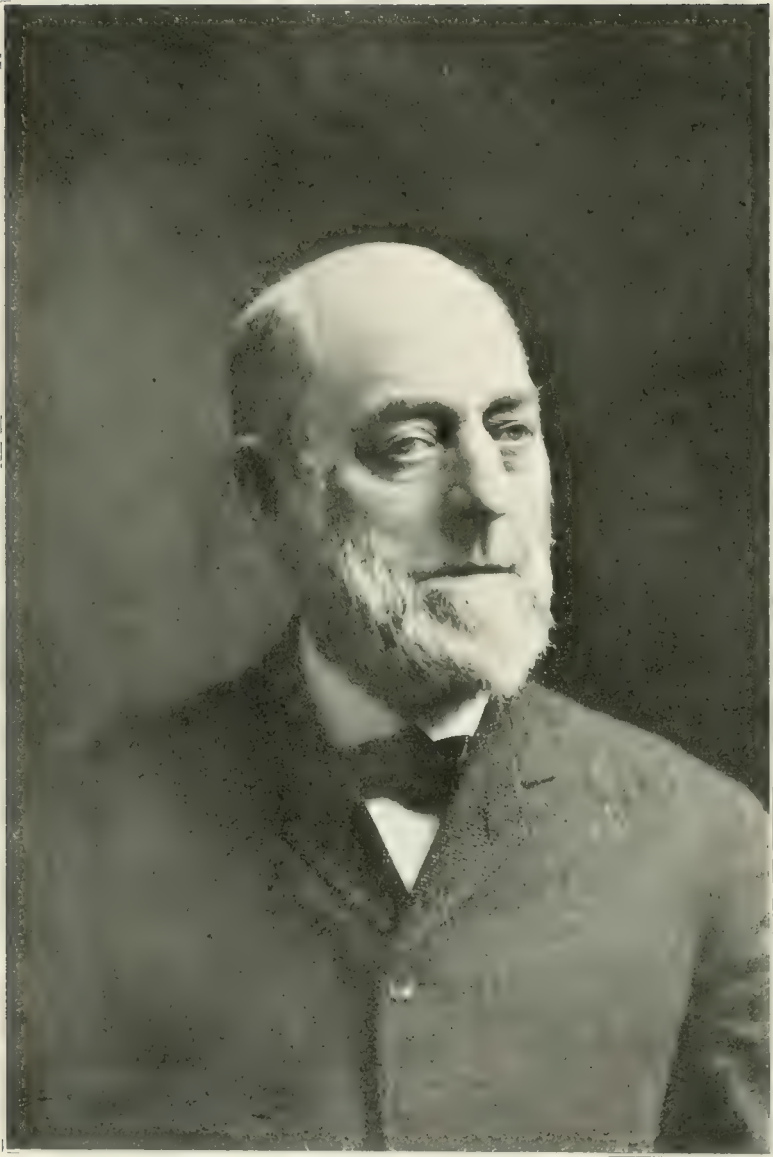
John A. Fritz was the sixth in order of birth in the family, and in early manhood he served an apprenticeship in a machinist's shop at West Burlington. He afterward went to Burlington, Colorado, and homesteaded a claim, after which he returned and has since been one of the valued employes in the West Burlington machine

shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He possesses expert ability as a mechanic and is employed in the construction department, occupying a position of responsibility. He resided in West Burlington until about four years ago, when he came to his present home on Sunnyside avenue. He goes back and forth to his work each day on the interurban, which passes his door.

In 1896 Mr. Fritz was married to Miss Emma A. Bock, who was born in Burlington, October 7, 1877, and is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wiemer) Bock, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz have two children, Ralph and Mildred. The family occupies an attractive home on Sunnyside avenue, the ground having been a part of the property once owned by her father, Joseph Bock, who was a prominent citizen and leading florist of Burlington. Mr. Fritz also owns a farm in Flint River township. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Modern Woodmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he holds membership in St. Paul's German Evangelical church of West Burlington. His has been an active and useful life, crowned with a substantial measure of success that has come to him as the merited reward of persistent, earnest labor and capability.

L. H. DALHOFF.

The name of L. H. Dalhoff figures prominently on the pages of Burlington's history, for he long ranked as a leading resident of this city and as one of its prominent business men. He was born in Philadelphia on the 17th of September, 1833, and was of Danish descent. In 1854 he arrived in Burlington, then a young man of twenty-one years, establishing his home in this city, where throughout his remaining days he enjoyed the goodwill, confidence and high regard of his fellow townsmen by reason of a well spent and upright life. He established the first commercial college of Burlington, now known as Elliott's Business College, but turned his attention from educational to mercantile pursuits when, in 1868, he founded the house of Dalhoff & McCarthy. This afterward became Dalhoff & Company and an extensive business was conducted in notions, selling only to the wholesale trade. The firm name was ever a synonym for business reliability and enterprise, and at all times Mr. Dalhoff



L. H. DALHOFF

was most careful to conform his efforts to the highest standard of commercial ethics.

On the 11th of March, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of L. H. Dalhoff and Miss E. D. Denise, who, still surviving him, lives with her mother in the old Denise home, which was begun in 1854 and completed in 1857, being not only one of the oldest but also one of the most elegant in the city.

Mr. Dalhoff held membership in the Presbyterian church and his life at all times was characterized by high ideals, exemplified in practical effort for their adoption. Possessing a fine voice, he was a member of the Presbyterian church choir for many years and was also connected with all of the musical organizations of the city. Fraternally he was a valued member of the Masonic order. He passed away on the 15th of September, 1904, and there are many who yet remember him as one of the worthy and valued citizens of Burlington, his name being inseparably interwoven with the history of the city as an educator and merchant.

DR. RALPH J. QUELLE.

Dr. Ralph J. Quelle, engaged in practice in Burlington, follows some of the most advanced methods which experimentation and scientific investigation have brought to light. He founded the Healthatorium for Naturopathic Treatments at the corner of Third and Jefferson streets in Burlington, and the effectiveness of his methods of treatment is attested by many patients.

He is yet a young man and is a native son of Burlington, born December 22, 1887, his parents being William and Rachel (Witte) Quelle. The father was born in Germany in 1849, and came to the United States in 1857, when a lad of but eight years, his father having previously located in Des Moines county ere he sent for the family. William Quelle was therefore reared here, and in the course of years he became a building contractor and was thus connected with the improvement of Burlington. He erected a number of the substantial structures which are still standing today as evidence of his skill and handiwork, but he had put aside business cares and was living retired at the time of his death, which occurred at his home in Burlington, January 5, 1915. His wife was born in this county, a daughter of Samuel Witte, now deceased, who

was one of the old-time pioneer settlers. She survives her husband and is residing at her home in Burlington.

Supplementing his public-school education, Ralph J. Quelle studied physical culture training at the Battle Creek Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Michigan, and afterward attended the Bernard McFadden Institute at Chicago. In 1910 he returned to Burlington and opened parlors for massage and physical culture treatment in the Tama building. On the 1st of April, 1913, he removed to the Iowa State Bank building at the corner of Third and Jefferson streets, where he is still located. He calls his place the Healthatorium. He employs the physical or natura-therapeutic work, has a complete system of baths and massage treatments, and his establishment is unsurpassed in Iowa. He uses most of the basement of the State Savings Bank building, having six large rooms, and he employs three assistants. His regular course of treatment includes everything necessary to the case—baths, manipulative treatments, electric light or steam baths, diet list, exercise chart and all instruction for home regime. He has a thorough knowledge of anatomy and the component parts of the human body, and in his study he has become thoroughly informed concerning the value and worth of physical culture, corrective movements, exercises, dieting, manipulation of the nerve centers, joint manipulation and stretching of the muscles and joints, together with water treatments and electric light baths. Dr. Quelle's Healthatorium is liberally patronized and has proven a most helpful institution in Burlington. His business has steadily grown, and his success is advancing month by month.

Dr. Quelle is a progressive in politics, voting, however, rather for the man than for the party. He is a member of the Automobile Club, and he attends the First Methodist Episcopal church and is a member of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is widely and favorably known in the city in which his entire life has been passed, and his many acquaintances recognize his genuine personal worth and give him their high regard.

CHARLES E. DEMLING.

On the roster of officials in Des Moines county appears the name of Charles E. Demling, who has filled the office of clerk of the district court continuously since 1899, making a splendid record in that connection as is indicated by the fact that he has been again and again

chosen to the office. He was born in Burlington on the 3d of April, 1861, and is a son of John A. and Sophia (Scheurer) Demling.

The father's birth occurred in Bavaria, Germany, February 11, 1835, and after spending the first fourteen years of his life in his native country he came to the United States in 1849 in company with neighbors. For a time he resided in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and afterward in New Orleans, Louisiana, but his stay in both cities was very brief, for in the early '50s he came to Burlington. He worked on the railroad as foreman for several years and in 1861 embarked in the grocery business at Burlington, becoming one of the leading and representative merchants of the city and continuing actively in the trade until 1884. He still makes his home in Burlington and is now in the employ of the park board, although eighty years of age. There are few men of his years who continue in active life and his record should put to shame many a much younger man who, grown weary of the struggles and trials of business life, would relegate to others the burdens that he should bear. His career in this respect is indeed one well worthy of emulation. He wedded Sophia Scheurer, a native of Ohio, who was brought to Burlington from that state by wagon in 1836 by her parents. Her father died of sunstroke in the late '40s. The parents of Charles E. Demling were married in 1857. The mother was born in December, 1835, and is also still living, they being among the most venerable couples of this city. In their family were four children, but the first born died in infancy. The others are Charles E.; Louise M., the wife of J. H. Cochrane, of New York; and John F., who is ticket agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company.

Charles E. Demling has spent his entire life in the city of his nativity and to its public-school system is indebted for the educational opportunities he enjoyed. He received his initial business training in his father's grocery store and afterward worked for a year for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. On the expiration of that period he became bookkeeper for the Burlington Broom Factory, where he remained for five years, and at the end of that time was called to public office. He had previously served as street commissioner clerk for a few years and in 1894 he was appointed to the position of city clerk, in which capacity he continued for two years. He was with the Dehner Cigar Company for about five years, or from 1895 until 1899, and in 1898 he was elected clerk of the district court, in which position he has since continued, covering a period of more than sixteen years. No stronger proof of his capability and fidelity could be given than the fact that he has been so long retained in the

office. His political allegiance is given the democratic party and it has been upon that ticket that he has been chosen to his present position.

On the 30th of July, 1891, Mr. Demling was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Bohner, a daughter of Andrew and Rosina Bohner. Her father, a vineyardist who came to Burlington at an early day, died July 12, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Demling have become parents of three sons and a daughter: Chester E., who is bookkeeper for the Merchants National Bank; Raymond M., who is living on his father's farm; and John W., and Margaret, both in school.

Mr. Demling is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge. Throughout his entire life he has resided in Burlington and that the record that he has made is a most creditable one is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time. He has many good qualities, is always genial and approachable, and is very popular among his fellow townsmen.

GEORGE H. NEFF.

Among the mercantile interests that make Burlington an attractive shopping center is the shoe store of George H. Neff. He is not alone in this business, for he has a partner, Hugh B. Allen, and both have won recognition as leading and representative merchants of the city. Mr. Neff was born in Burlington, December 24, 1870, a son of Israel M. and Rebecca (Troxel) Neff, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and who in 1860 came to Burlington. The father was a tinner by trade and followed that pursuit in order to provide for his family. He was killed in a cyclone in 1873, when the Pond Egg building was blown down, while his wife survived until 1900. His life was ever upright and honorable, in harmony with his professions as a member of the Evangelical church.

George H. Neff, reared in his native city and under the parental roof, attended the public schools and made his initial step in the business world as an employe in the W. W. Kimball Company's music house, where he remained for three years. At the end of that time he became connected with the shoe trade, securing a situation in Brown's store in June, 1887. Twelve years were passed in that connection, and in 1899 he entered the establishment of Hertzler & Boesch, there remaining until 1906. In that year he embarked

in business on his own account, forming a partnership with George M. Saylor. They opened a shoe store and conducted the business successfully for seven years, or until January, 1913, when Mr. Neff sold out to his partner. He was again in the Brown shoe store until July of that year, and on the 28th of August, 1913, he entered into his present partnership relations with Hugh B. Allen, opening a shoe store at No. 318 Jefferson street, where they carry a full line of ladies' and men's shoes of excellent make. The establishment deserves the liberal patronage accorded it, and a growing trade proves the uprightness and enterprise of their business methods.

In 1897 Mr. Neff was married to Miss Sarah Daisy Brown, a daughter of J. W. Brown. She died in July, 1902, and on the 22d of September, 1904, Mr. Neff married Lena V. Brown, a sister of his first wife. By the first marriage there were two children, Robert and Margery, the latter of whom is deceased. The children of the second marriage are Geraldine and Clifford. Politically, Mr. Neff is a republican, while his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church. His has been an active, useful and well spent life. He has long figured prominently in connection with the mercantile interests of the city, and through his own capability has risen to his present position as the successful owner of one of the retail establishments of the city.

THEODORE F. NIEMANN.

Theodore F. Niemann, conducting a general drug business at No. 115 Broadway, West Burlington, has been thus identified with the trade interests of the city for about eight years. He is serving as postmaster of West Burlington. He is a native son of Burlington, born September 23, 1885, and is a son of Theodore W. and Sophia (Walters) Niemann. The father is also a native of Burlington and a son of John Niemann, who came to this city in the period of its pioneer development. Theodore W. Niemann is now serving as constable of Burlington, and both he and his wife are widely known in the city where they have resided for so many years.

Theodore F. Niemann pursued his education in St. John's parochial school of Burlington and studied pharmacy at home. He was but fourteen years of age when he started out in the business world on his own account, entering the employ of the Robinson Drug Company. It was his interest in the business that led him

to take up the study of pharmacy, and he added to his practical experience and training by service in the Edward Litzrodt drug store at the corner of Tenth and Maple streets. Gradually he worked his way upward as the result of his increasing knowledge and capability and by carefully saving his earnings he at length acquired capital sufficient to enable him to embark in business on his own account. Accordingly in 1907 he bought out the drug store of Dr. E. E. Kirkendall, which had been established in Burlington at an early day. Since that time Mr. Niemann has continuously engaged in the general drug business and now has a well appointed store at No. 115 Broadway, West Burlington. He carries a large and carefully selected line of drugs and druggist's sundries, is most careful in the preparation of prescriptions and in all of his business dealings is thoroughly reliable. Moreover, his patrons ever find him courteous and obliging, and thus it is that his trade has constantly grown.

On the 24th of April, 1912, Mr. Niemann was joined in wedlock to Miss Florence Cook, of West Burlington, a daughter of Louis and Louise (Stockman) Cook, the former a boilermaker in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Niemann hold membership in St. Mary's Catholic church, and Mr. Niemann also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. His political support is given to the democratic party, and October 6, 1914, he was appointed postmaster of West Burlington, succeeding Charles Schwarz. As a representative of one of the pioneer families of the city he is widely known, but it is his personal worth which has gained for him the creditable position which he occupies in business circles and in public regard today.

EMIL F. KUIETHAN.

Emil F. Kuithan, of Burlington, is now living practically retired, save for the supervision which he gives to his invested interests. In former years he was actively identified with the banking business, but from his purchases and sales of property he has derived a handsome little fortune that now enables him to rest from further business activity. He was born in the historic city of Nauvoo, Illinois, February 10, 1859, a son of Frederick Kuithan, who was born in Dortmund, Prussia, on the 16th of August, 1829. The period of his youth and early manhood was spent in the fatherland, and in

1855 he came to the United States. He was a member of a musical family. His father, a 'cello virtuoso, played in concerts with the great violinist, Paganini, while touring Germany in 1827. He traveled quite extensively, and for a time was in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the important cities of Argentine, Chile and Peru. He was a highly educated man, a graduate of a German university and a noted linguist, speaking not only Spanish but also French, German and English. He was well versed in ethnology, ornithology, mammalogy and many other subjects. In the year 1855 he took up his abode at Nauvoo, Illinois, where he began the practice of medicine and the raising of grapes and other fruit, the sloping hillsides bordering the Mississippi at that point being especially adapted for grape cultivation. In 1869 he arrived in Burlington. Years before he had been graduated from a German medical school, and in this city he began practice, continuing in the profession for some years. He died January 13, 1904, and thus was terminated a life of usefulness and worth. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Peters, was born in Marietta, Ohio.

Emil F. Kuithan largely acquired his education in the schools of Nauvoo, and after coming to Burlington attended the North Hill school and the high school. He also pursued a commercial course in Elliott's Business College. Upon starting out in the business world, he secured a situation with Biklin-Winzer & Company, a wholesale grocery house, and continued with that firm for eleven and one-half years. He afterward went with the Iowa State Savings Bank in the capacity of bookkeeper, and after acting in that capacity for four years was promoted to assistant cashier. He served in that capacity for sixteen years and in the meantime improved his opportunities for profitable investment in property. He is now the owner of much real estate in Burlington, which has increased greatly in value as the years have passed and the city has grown, thereby making a greater demand for realty and advancing prices. He is the owner of the Hotel Grove on Main street, one of the most desirable properties in the city, the building being eighty by one hundred and seventeen feet. He also owns numerous residence properties and vacant lots, and he also has large farming interests in Illinois, near Nauvoo, and in Lee county, Iowa, devoted to the cultivation of grapes. He has an extensive acreage in grapes, and ships in carloads. His business interests have ever been wisely managed and his enterprise has carried him beyond the point which the great majority reach, so that he is now one of the prosperous citizens of Burlington, his success being attributable entirely to his own labors.

Mr. Kuithan has always been interested in the art of taxidermy and matters pertaining to ornithology and horticulture. In his political views he is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He is a member of the Silver Lake Hunting and Fishing Club and greatly enjoys outdoor sports. He was formerly one of the leading men of the Burlington Tumblers and an expert acrobat in his day and has always taken a keen interest in athletics and outdoor sports. He is likewise interested in charitable organizations, to which he has been a generous contributor. His many sterling traits of character have gained him high regard and he is very popular with a large circle of friends.

CHARLES E. SCHRAMM.

Among the most popular business men of Burlington was Charles E. Schramm, whose life was cut short on account of an accident when he was in the midst of a successful career. He was connected with the J. S. Schramm Company, the leading dry-goods house of Burlington, and contributed much to its success. He was known to a large number of people because of his pleasant and agreeable personality.

Mr. Schramm was a native of Burlington, born January 9, 1862, and a son of John Siegmund and Amelia (Williams) Schramm. The father was a native of Germany and in this country found the opportunity to display his rare business ability in building up one of the largest business houses in Burlington. The paternal grandparents of our subject were John Christopher and Anna Margaret (Kessling) Schramm, while the maternal grandfather was Silas Williams.

Charles E. Schramm spent practically his entire life in Burlington. In the acquirement of his education he attended the North Hill school, from which he graduated into the high school. He was a bright student and a ready learner and had many friends among teachers and pupils. After completing his high-school course he entered his father's store, and in due time he became acquainted with the dry-goods business in all its phases. His industry, honesty and thoroughness were the stepping-stones to his success. Mr. Schramm had most pleasing manners and his kindly personality attracted many new customers to his establishment, while it made old-time friends of those who were in the habit of trading there. Fair methods were inseparable from all his transactions and he was ever courteous and

polite to all those whom he met in a business or social way. His employes idolized him because of his fairness and justness.

On the 16th of January, 1893, Mr. Schramm was united in marriage to Miss Fannie G. Anderson and they had one daughter, Frances, who with her mother survives him. There were also a number of brothers and sisters who mourned his death: Frank E., Ralph E. and Henry C. Schramm; Lucia L., who married T. G. Foster; Anna P., the wife of J. E. Doane, of Chicago; and Miss Jessie Schramm.

Mr. Schramm was one of the most public-spirited citizens of Burlington and was always interested in the progress of the city. Although he did not care for public honors he took an intelligent interest in governmental affairs and carefully weighed the qualities of a candidate before he would give his support. The accident which caused his demise was most tragic. Although an excellent swimmer he had misjudged the depth of the stream when taking a plunge in the river and, striking his head, injured his spine. He first was taken to his home and later to the Burlington Hospital. Although the best possible care and attention were given him and experts were summoned not only from Burlington but from Chicago, the inevitable could not be averted. A most delicate operation was performed which at first seemed to hold out promise, but soon the hopes of family, friends, physicians and nurses came to naught and Mr. Schramm passed away August 25, 1913. Even his magnificent constitution could not overcome the severe shock to his system. When the news of his death spread throughout the city from house to house general mourning prevailed and all extended their deep sympathy to the bereaved family. With his death there came to a close a most promising career of a man who had been a loving husband and father, an able business man and an American citizen of the highest type.

C. EDWARD GERLING.

C. Edward Gerling is conducting under his own name the former Carpenter jewelry store, the oldest known jewelry business in the United States which had previously been kept throughout the period of its existence in one family. It is definitely known to be the oldest business of the kind in Iowa and throughout the period of the existence of the house the firm name has been synonymous with honorable dealing as well as with progressive methods. Mr. Gerling, who is now at the head of the establishment, was born in St. Louis, July

23, 1865, and is a son of Charles and Caroline (Moeller) Gerling. The father's birth occurred in Minden, Germany, and about 1860 he came to the United States. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast, but made his way at once into the interior of the country, and after visiting Burlington continued on to St. Louis. There he established a grocery trade and remained in that business until his death, which occurred in 1870. His widow survives and now makes her home in Burlington with her son Edward, having returned to this city following her husband's death.

C. Edward Gerling was a lad of but five summers when the mother brought her family to this city. At the usual age he entered the public schools and passed through consecutive grades until he completed the course by graduation. He learned the jewelry business with M. C. Connor, and on the 1st of August, 1884, he entered the employ of E. H. Carpenter, a jeweler, who was in control of the business that was established in 1837 by A. W. Carpenter, who died in the year 1869. His brother, G. B. P. Carpenter, together with E. H. Carpenter, continued the business until 1880, when the senior partner died, after which the junior partner continued alone until 1900, at which time his son, A. W. Carpenter, became identified with the establishment. In the year 1900 Mr. Gerling took up the study of optics and graduated with the title of optometrist. He began at once the practice of fitting glasses to the eyes of those who needed them, and in 1904 took full charge of the optical department, which he continues to conduct successfully in connection with his jewelry business. It was on the 1st of August, 1913, that Mr. Gerling purchased the Carpenter interests—just twenty-nine years from the date on which he started to work. Fifteen days later E. H. Carpenter, who had so long been at the head of the business, died. The store is now under the Gerling name and is one of the oldest mercantile enterprises in the state. The original location in 1837 was at the corner of Front and Washington streets. Some years afterward a removal was made to the east side of Main street, near Jefferson street, and in 1869 a second removal was made to the corner of Jefferson and Third streets, where the business is still carried on.

Mr. Gerling holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and has the honor of having been elected to hold office in all the stations of the lodge and is now a past exalted ruler. In politics he is independent, manifesting only a citizen's interest in the questions of the day. His attention has been chiefly concentrated upon his business affairs. From the outset of his career he recognized that industry wins, and industry therefore became one of his

salient characteristics. His determination and enterprise have enabled him to forge ahead and now he is one of the foremost examples of business enterprise in the city. His store is a well appointed establishment, containing a large and carefully selected line of jewelry, watches and precious stones, and he enjoys an unassailable reputation for commercial integrity.

GENERAL JAMES A. GUEST.

For many years General James A. Guest represented important commercial interests in Burlington as sole proprietor of the James A. Guest Piano concern. The beginning of this successful enterprise and its continued prosperous existence were due to his executive ability and also to that discriminating taste which made him an authority in music and musical matters. Moreover, honor is due General Guest for the service which he rendered in the Civil war and for his continued interest in military affairs. The splendid standing of the state militia is largely due to his efforts, as he took an important part in the reorganization of this body after the close of the war.

General Guest was born in Lyons, Wayne county, New York, May 4, 1845, and passed away in Burlington, Iowa, November 11, 1906, in his sixty-second year. He was a son of Joseph and Lydia (Curtis) Guest. The family trace their ancestry back to one Sir John Guest, of England. Joseph Guest, who left England as a passenger on the ship Delaware about 1645, settled at Swedesboro, New Jersey. There he built a house of imported brick—quite a pretentious structure in those days—which is still standing. One of his descendants was William C. Guest, grandfather of the general, who was an officer in the Seventy-first New York Regiment in the War of 1812. He commanded a troop of cavalry and was stationed at Black Rock, now Buffalo, New York. Previous to that war he had removed from New Jersey to Lyons, New York, becoming a pioneer of the latter district. He married Mary Wallace, a relative of Sir John Wallace, of Scotland, and who had emigrated from her native country to New Jersey with her parents. Joseph L. Guest, father of General Guest, was born in New Jersey in 1809, and removed with his parents to New York state when he was an infant. He was reared and educated in Lyons, and later followed the career of a

merchant tailor. He subsequently removed from the east to Michigan, in which state he made his home until his death.

James A. Guest was educated in the schools of Lyons, New York, and at the early age of seventeen enlisted, in 1862, in Company C, One Hundred and Sixtieth Regiment, New York Volunteers. He first proceeded with his regiment to New York city and later to New Orleans, making the voyage by sea. In the south he participated in the expedition of General Banks. Mr. Guest took part in twenty-one engagements and spent, with his regiment, two years in Louisiana, after which he joined the commands of Generals Grant and Sheridan in Virginia. He was severely wounded in the battle of Winchester ("with Sheridan twenty miles away") and for two months afterward was in a hospital. He then rejoined his regiment and continued in the service until the end of the war. He was mustered out in November, 1865. Prior to his discharge he was sent to Georgia to quell a negro insurrection and was commissioned a second lieutenant by Governor Fenton, of New York. General Guest greatly distinguished himself in the service by faithfulness to duty and bravery before the enemy. He set an example to those who fought with him and under him.

After his discharge General Guest returned to Lyons, New York, and in order to improve his education took a course in Ames Business College at Syracuse, that state. He subsequently came to Iowa, making his home at Belle Plaine, where he remained until 1874 in the successful pursuit of his business affairs. He then came to Burlington, Iowa, and here he became connected with the piano and organ business by buying out the interest of Paul Lange in the firm of Lange & Van Meter. They were then the leading music dealers in the city, and after Mr. Guest acquired Mr. Lange's interest the firm became known as Van Meter & Guest. It so continued for two years, when Mr. Guest acquired Mr. Van Meter's share in the business and continued as sole proprietor. In November, 1905, the business was incorporated as the Guest Piano Company, and so continues to date, Mrs. Guest serving as president since the death of her husband. Under the General's able management the business developed into one of the largest of its kind in the west. Branch houses were established under his direction in Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown, Muscatine, and Ottumwa, Iowa; in Quincy, Illinois; and in other cities. They handled the highest grade of instruments and the firm was the exclusive agent for a number of the most reputable makes on the market. Their business was of most gratifying proportions and they employed a large force of traveling,

as well as local, salesmen. This success must be largely ascribed to the business ability of General Guest and to his rare judgment in musical matters, for he was not merely a music dealer but a lover of the art, and never tired of furthering musical study and endeavor. For many years he was instrumental in securing the best talent for concerts to be staged in Burlington, and he gave his best efforts to promote musical culture in that city.

General Guest was active in everything that concerned the public welfare. He was one of the most tireless men in furthering the interests of the city, and as president of the Commercial Exchange was in a position to do much in the expansion of trade and commercial interests. Although his business affairs were very large, he gave much of his valuable time to public causes.

General Guest was well known in military circles of the state. Shortly after coming here he identified himself with the militia, becoming captain of Company H, Second Regiment, Iowa National Guard, which he organized. At that time the state militia was in no-wise efficient and he set himself the task of building up the organization and bringing it to a high state of perfection. In fact, it is largely due to his endeavors that the Iowa National Guard takes today such high rank among the state troops of the Union. Later Captain Guest was promoted to the rank of major, becoming in turn lieutenant colonel, colonel of the Second Regiment, and was subsequently chosen brigadier general of the First Iowa Brigade. After many years of most beneficial connection with the state troops he retired with that rank.

On June 6, 1876, General Guest was united in marriage to Miss Louise M. David, a daughter of Colonel John S. David, who was a native of Kentucky and in pioneer times became one of the prominent citizens of Burlington. There he built the first warehouse on the Burlington river front. Colonel David extensively operated in real estate and also built in the earlier days a number of city blocks. His labors contributed largely to the growth and development of Burlington. General and Mrs. Guest had one son, Lyman, who with his mother and Charles A. Schlichter continue the business affairs of the Guest Piano Company.

General Guest was a devoted adherent of the Episcopal church, of which he was a member and of which he served for some time as vestryman and warden. Politically he was a republican but had no desire for political honors. He was very prominent in the Masonic order, being a member and past master of Malta Lodge, No. 318, A. F. & A. M.; and also holding membership in Iowa Chapter, No. 1,

R. A. M.; and St. Omar Commandery, No. 15, K. T., of which he was a past commander; and he was also a past grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa. He was one of the foremost men in the distinguished body of Knights Templar and was widely known throughout the state as one of the leading Masons.

With the death of General Guest on November 11, 1906, there passed from the ranks of Burlington's citizens one of its most successful and best known men—a man who had contributed largely toward the growth and prosperity of the city and state and one who had given a high example of public-spirited American citizenship. His memory will live with his many friends, who sincerely loved him for his honorable character and who cherished his type of manhood. To his widow and son he left a name which confers distinction upon them.

EDWIN C. BOCK, D. D. S.

Dr. Edwin C. Bock is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Fairfield but is well known in Burlington, his native city. He was born February 25, 1879, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wiemer) Bock. His boyhood days were spent in Burlington and to the public-school system of that city he is indebted for the educational privileges which he enjoyed in his earlier youth. He afterward attended Elliott's Business College and then, determining upon the practice of dentistry as a life work, he matriculated as a student in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1897 and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1900. Soon afterward he located for practice in Fairfield, where he has since remained. His entire time has been devoted to his profession and he is now a member of the Southeastern Iowa Dental Association and the Iowa State Dental Association. He keeps in touch with the most advanced processes and employs scientific methods in his practice. He possesses, too, that mechanical skill and ingenuity which are so necessary to the dentist and his increasing ability has brought to him a constantly growing practice. He is conscientious in the performance of all his professional service and his ability has won for him high encomiums from the laity and from his professional brethren.

In 1903 Dr. Bock was united in marriage to Miss Clara Gregg, who was born near Fairfield, Iowa, January 14, 1877, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Billingsley) Gregg. Her father, a Civil war

veteran, is now a retired farmer of Jefferson county. Her mother died four years ago. Dr. and Mrs. Bock have two children, Elizabeth and Laura. His political indorsement is given to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Congregational church, to the teachings of which he loyally adheres.

WILLIAM F. WEIBLEY.

William F. Weibley, an architect, following his profession in Burlington since the 10th of May, 1909, with offices in the Tama building, was born in Harper, Iowa, April 26, 1875, a son of Christopher and Louise (Crumb) Weibley. The father was a native of Germany but in early manhood left that country and made the long voyage across the briny deep to the new world. He was a miller by trade and followed that pursuit in early manhood but afterward gave his attention to farming for many years. He is now deceased but his widow survives and makes her home in Burlington.

William F. Weibley is a graduate of the college at Mount Pleasant and also attended Armour's School of Technology in Chicago. He qualified for the profession of an architect and has since been active along that line. He is a member of the Iowa Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He settled first in Mount Pleasant but on the 10th of May, 1909, removed to Burlington and opened his present office. He thoroughly understands the scientific principles which underlie his work as well as all the practical phases of the business and his plans combine beauty, utility, comfort and convenience. A number of the fine structures in this city are monuments to the skill and ability which he has achieved in the line of his chosen profession.

On the 5th of September, 1905, Mr. Weibley was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Cowan, a native of Oskaloosa, Iowa, and they have two daughters, Mildred and Anna Louise. In politics Mr. Weibley is not strongly partisan. His preference is for the republican organization but he does not hesitate to vote for the man rather than the party, according to the dictates of his judgment. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Launch Club and he exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the Masonic fraternity, of which he is a member. He is equally loyal to the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he belongs. Those with whom he has come in contact have

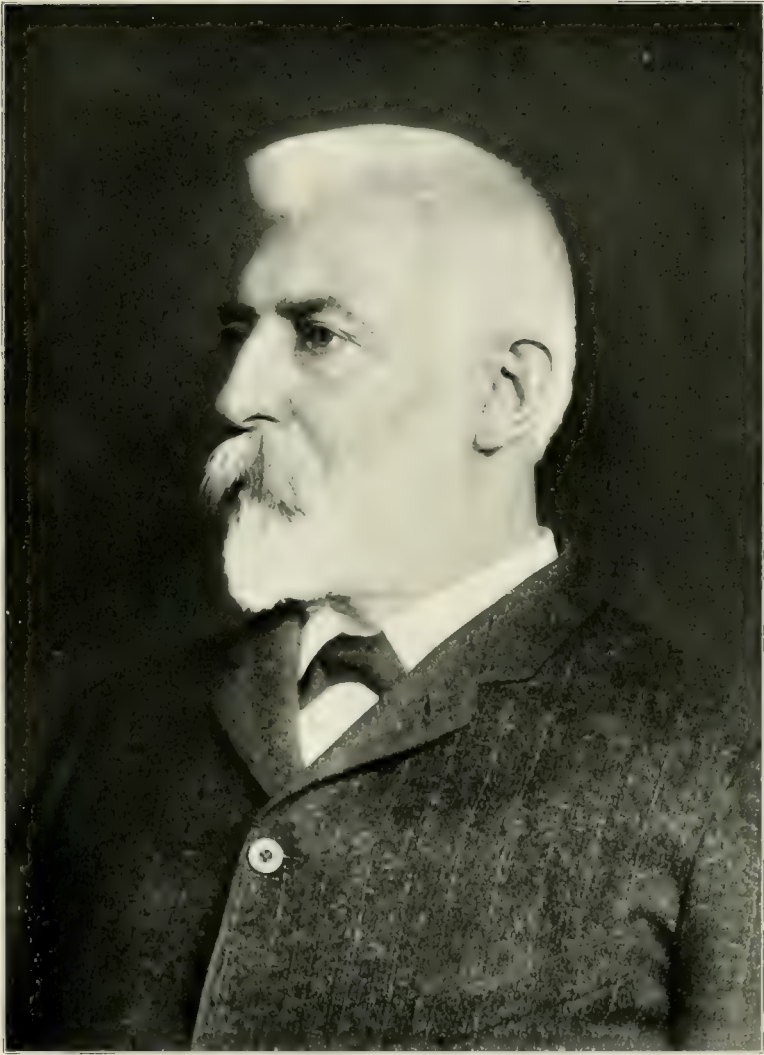
reason to respect him because of his upright life and because of his discharge of his duties according to the dictates of his conscience and his judgment.

CHARLES ENDE.

Burlington is the center of a large brewing business and in this connection the name of Charles Ende has become well known. Moreover, he has long been accounted one of the substantial citizens of Des Moines county and is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, having served throughout the period of hostilities between the north and south.

Mr. Ende is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Schwarzenfels in the electorate of Hesse, October 29, 1837. The first fourteen years of his life were spent in that country and in 1851 he crossed the Atlantic to the new world with his father, a brother and two sisters. Earlier generations of the family, however, had been represented on American soil. With the Hessian troops in 1776 there came a cousin of Charles Ende's grandfather and in the storming of Fort Washington he was seriously wounded, while at Trenton he was taken prisoner. During his captivity he married a lady of this land and in 1783 took his bride back to Cassel, Germany, but, becoming homesick, she induced her husband to return with her to her native land. This, apparently, was not a difficult task, as he seemed to have become attached to America during his seven years' forced sojourn upon this side of the Atlantic. After his return to the new world he, in the course of time, ceased all correspondence with his relatives in Germany and therefore all trace of their descendants has been lost.

In 1845 Carl B. Merz, an uncle of Charles Ende, established his home at Beardstown, Illinois, and in 1853 became a resident of Burlington, where he published the first German newspaper in Iowa. Several years afterward he took up his abode upon a large farm near Sigourney and resided upon his property there until he was called to his final rest in 1902, when eighty-eight years of age. Two years after his arrival in America, Fritz von Ende sailed for New Orleans, where he arrived in 1847. He afterward became a resident of Greenville, Texas, where his descendants still live. The record of the family in the direct line of Charles Ende shows that his grandfather, Carl von Ende, was a minister of the Reformed church at Netra, a



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small town in Hesse-Cassel. A contemporary biographer, speaking of the ancestors of Charles Ende, said that the Rev. Carl von Ende "had six sons, Mr. Ende's father, Ferdinand von Ende, being the youngest. Two of his brothers were officers in the Hessian contingent of Napoleon's armies, and both fell in battle, one in Spain and the other in Russia. A third served in the campaign of 1815, as volunteer in a battalion of sharpshooters, largely recruited from the students of the School of Forestry, which he was attending at that time.

"Conrad Merz, the grandfather of Mr. Ende on the mother's side, born about 1775, completed his studies in the Catholic Seminary in Fulda, and later become private secretary to the bishop. In 1810, when Prince Carl von Dalberg was made grand duke of Fulda by Emperor Napoleon, Mr. Merz received an appointment in the finance department of the new government. This position he held until 1815, when the great political changes of that period caused him to resign. He retired in his prime on a liberal life pension, granted by the Bavarian government, and became a gentleman of leisure. He died in 1860.

"Ferdinand von Ende, Mr. Ende's father, was born in 1803, at Netra, where he was reared, and began his education in the common schools. From there he went to a higher school at Eisenach, and subsequently graduated from the gymnasium at Cassel, the capital of the electorate of Hesse. Thus being properly qualified, he was matriculated as a student of law in the State University at Marburg. After having obtained his degree of Doctor Juris, he prepared for and successfully passed the state examination incumbent upon an aspirant for government office. In due time he was appointed to a position on the judiciary, which he retained until 1851. During his term of service he was repeatedly promoted, and at the close of his official career was associate judge of one of the higher courts. Political troubles, so prevalent all over Germany in those days, and from which the electorate of Hesse was by no means exempt, caused him to resign and emigrate to the United States, preferring to live in a land of liberty that promised a better future for his children.

"Ferdinand von Ende was united in marriage to Miss Nanny Merz, of Fulda, in 1836. She died in the year 1847, leaving four children who reached mature years, and one who died an infant, soon after the mother. Mr. Ende's father spent the first winter near Beardstown, Illinois, and in the spring of 1852 moved to Des Moines county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm about two and a half miles from Burlington. There he resided until 1864, when, after about

a year's sojourn in St. Louis, he took up his abode in this city, and lived retired from that time until his death, which occurred in 1885."

During the period of his residence in his native county Charles Ende largely devoted his time to the acquirement of a public-school education and after coming to the United States his attention was given to the work of the home farm until 1855. He was afterward employed in Pittsfield, Quincy and Galesburg, Illinois, and in Des Moines, Henry, Lee and Decatur counties, Iowa, between the years 1855 and 1860. In the spring of the latter year he left Burlington for St. Joseph, Missouri, where he expected to join a wagon train en route for the newly discovered gold fields of Colorado. He was accompanied on the trip as far as Hannibal, Missouri, by his brother Fred, whose destination was Greenville, Texas, and they did not meet again until after the war, at which time Mr. Ende learned that his brother had been forced to serve in the Confederate army for nearly three years, while he was fighting with the Union troops. Charles Ende met all of the hardships and privations incident to travel across the plains and through the mountains at that early period, but also enjoyed the delights which nature and outdoor life offer. He remembers seeing many buffaloes, while game of various kinds was most plentiful. For the first time they met Indians at Fort Kearny and afterward passed through several Indian villages, the red men, however, seeming perfectly peaceable. In fact, they seemed to be pleased to welcome their visitors, who bestowed upon them little gifts, including tobacco, matches and bread. The purpose of the trip did not find fulfilment, for Mr. Ende did not win a fortune in the gold fields of Pike's Peak. In December, 1860, on the return trip, he crossed the Missouri river at Omaha, arriving at Burlington about Christmas. He then proceeded to Chicago and two months later accepted a position as a farm hand near Galesburg, Illinois, where he was living at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war.

On the 7th of September, 1861, his patriotic spirit aroused by the continued attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he offered his services to the government and at Burlington became a private of Company F, Fifth Iowa Cavalry. He remained at the front until after the close of hostilities and was then mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant August 11, 1865. He was with the Western Army, operating in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. The regiment to which Mr. Ende belonged left Benton Barracks, St. Louis, for Fort Henry, in February, 1862. It remained stationary in the vicinity of Forts Heiman, Henry and Donelson till June, 1863. While stationed at the above-named places the regiment

was principally engaged in fighting bushwhackers and partisan rangers and in scouting. Engagements during this period were as follows: August, 1862, Rolling Mills, near Fort Donelson; September, 1862, Clarksville, Tennessee; October, 1862, Wagner's Landing, Tennessee; November, 1862, Garrettsburg, Kentucky; January, 1863, Waverly, Tennessee; February, 1863, Fort Donelson. In May, 1862, when out on a scout, Mr. Ende was taken prisoner, and with a number of other comrades sent to Jackson, Mississippi, where they were paroled and brought into the Union lines near Corinth under a flag of truce, in charge of Major Thompson, ex-secretary of the interior under President Buchanan. General Halleck, ignoring the obligations of the parole, ordered the men to report for hospital duty at once and when they refused upon the plea that such would be a violation of their parole, sent a platoon of infantry with bayonets fixed to drive them to work.

In June, 1863, the regiment was transferred to Murfreesboro, where it joined General Rosecrans' army. July 3, 1863, the regiment was again detached and after a week of escorting trains to the front, ordered to McMinnville. During the short stay with the main army it had seen some hard service. October, 1863, the regiment participated, under General Crook, in the pursuit of Wheeler. Upon this occasion, the battalion to which Mr. Ende's company belonged made a very successful charge on Wheeler's rear guard, at Sugar Creek, taking a number of prisoners. January 6, 1864, Mr. Ende reenlisted and returned from veteran furlough to Nashville, March 30, 1864. May 26th he was detached with thirty men to garrison a blockhouse erected for the protection of a railroad bridge over Richland creek, near Pulaski, Tennessee. July 10, 1864, he joined, with his command, General Rousseau at Decatur, Alabama, and took part in the expedition to Montgomery. The regiment had barely returned when it was ordered out again on the disastrous McCook raid. Here Mr. Ende had a little extra experience. Having lost his horse in crossing the Chattahoochee river, he was left behind and it took him ten days to reach his command at Marietta, Georgia. After the fall of Atlanta, the Fifth Iowa Cavalry, which at that time was attached to Kilpatrick's division, received orders to proceed to Louisville to be remounted, and then return to Nashville. When Hood began his advance upon Nashville the regiment was ordered to Columbia, where it soon encountered the enemy. After a short skirmish the command was relieved by infantry and sent ten miles up Duck river to guard fords. The day following the regiment distinguished itself by cutting its way out through a vastly superior force that had sur-

rounded the brigade. During the battle of Franklin the regiment was scouting on the right flank.

Mr. Ende could not participate with his regiment in the battle of Nashville, since he had been appointed judge advocate of a general court martial convened by order of General Wilson, commanding the cavalry corps of the military division of the Mississippi. It took about two months to try the cases which had accumulated. His task completed, Mr. Ende was relieved, and rejoined his regiment at Gravelly Springs, Alabama, where General Wilson was assembling three divisions of cavalry and making preparations for the last and most successful raid of the war. The Fifth Iowa Cavalry was assigned to Alexander's Brigade of General Upton's division. After the cessation of hostilities the Fifth Iowa was stationed for some time at Macon, Georgia; then at Atlanta, from whence it was ordered to Nashville; at which place, after having been mustered out August 11, 1865, the regiment embarked for Clinton, Iowa, and there was paid off and disbanded. He was among those who were detailed from his regiment to act as guard when Jefferson Davis was taken from Atlanta to Augusta, Georgia, where he was transferred to another command that conducted him to Fortress Monroe. Mr. Ende was never wounded, although often in the thickest of the fight in some of the most hotly contested engagements of the war, and with a most creditable military record he returned to the north when hostilities were ended.

In November, 1865, Mr. Ende took up his permanent abode in Burlington, where he has since made his home, and soon afterward he became proprietor of a brewery as a partner of his brother-in-law. The business was established at No. 1307 Mount Pleasant street and has since been continuously conducted, save for a period of three years, during which time the firm acted as agents for the Lemp Brewery of St. Louis. The partnership was dissolved in September, 1902, and Mr. Ende has since been alone in the ownership and control of the business. He has a well equipped plant, representing an investment of twenty-five thousand dollars, and the liberal patronage which he receives has made the business a profitable one.

On the 3d of October, 1869, at Liberty, Missouri, Mr. Ende was joined in wedlock to Miss Thusnelda Louise Leopold, a native of Liberty and of German parentage, her father and mother having come to the United States in 1834. Mrs. Ende passed away in 1902 and her grave was made in Aspen Grove cemetery. By her marriage she had become the mother of four children. The eldest, Carl, completed a course in the State University of Iowa and was afterward

graduated from the Gottingen University of Germany, which conferred upon him the degree of Ph. D. Since 1899 he has been instructor in chemistry in the State University of Iowa and is now a professor in that institution. He married Miss Alice Ankeney. August, the second son, following his graduation from the State University of Iowa, completed his studies in Cornell University of New York, pursuing a special course in mathematics. He afterward became instructor in mathematics in the State University of Iowa, but is now assistant manager of his father's business. Marie, the only daughter, is the wife of John D. York of Chicago. Henry, the youngest one, is in Burlington, connected with his father.

Mr. Ende belongs to the Turn Verein. In 1866 he became a charter member of Matthies Post, G. A. R. His political allegiance is usually given to the democratic party, but he is not bound by party ties, and for four years he represented the second ward on the city council, acting during both terms as chairman of the police committee. He is now in the seventy-eighth year of his age but is a remarkably well preserved man and in spirit and interest seems yet in his prime.

HUGH B. ALLEN.

Hugh B. Allen, a partner in the retail shoe establishment of Neff & Allen, is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Des Moines county. He comes of Scotch ancestry, tracing his lineage down from Hugh Allen, his great-grandfather, who came from the land of hills and heather to the new world in 1820 and settled first in Ohio. He was the father of Robert Allen, who was also born in Scotland and accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. In 1839 he first visited Des Moines county and in 1842 took up his permanent abode within its borders. He followed farming but was also a carpenter by trade and carried on business along both lines, thus contributing to the early commercial development of the city. He also became a prominent factor in public affairs, filling the office of justice of the peace, and was twice chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, where he left the impress of his individuality upon the laws enacted during those sessions. He voted with the republican party, which found in him a stalwart and earnest champion. In connection with political affairs he always subordinated partisanship to the public welfare and personal aggrandizement to

the good of the community. He married a Miss Wasson and after her death wedded a Miss Ripley. His son, Frank Allen, was a native of Des Moines county and throughout his entire life continued his residence within its borders, but in 1899 was called to his final rest. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Burlington. In their family were three children, Hugh B., Pearl and Sabine.

Hugh B. Allen attended the high school of Burlington and devoted two years of his early life to farming. Since that time, however, he has been connected with the shoe trade. He opened a shoe store in the Garman block in June, 1912, and conducted it until the 28th of August, 1913, when he became a partner of George H. Neff in the ownership and conduct of the shoe business which they are now carrying on. They are both well known young business men of the city and success is attending their efforts, for they are reliable in their dealings and have ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement.

On the 10th of April, 1913, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Florence N. Sutton. He holds membership with the Elks and with the Ibis Club. Politically his preference is for the republican party yet he casts an independent ballot, voting according to the dictates of his judgment. He is well known in the city and his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

JOHN H. TROXEL.

John H. Troxel is one of the oldest merchants of Burlington. It is seldom that a man of his years continues active in trade, yet old age need not suggest as a matter of course idleness or want of occupation. On the contrary there is an old age which grows stronger and broader mentally and morally as the years go on and gives out of its rich store of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. Such is the record of John H. Troxel, who has passed the seventy-ninth milestone on life's journey and yet is still connected with commercial interests in Burlington. He was born in Pennsylvania, August 30, 1835, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Forney) Troxel, who were also natives of the Keystone state. They were descended from old families of Pennsylvania, of Scotch and German descent. They continued to live in the east until the early '70s, when they removed westward to Burlington, where their remaining days were passed.

John H. Troxel was reared in Pennsylvania and was about twenty-nine years of age when he came to Iowa, since which time he has made his home in Burlington. He had learned the cabinet-maker's trade in early life and here worked for a Mr. Prugh. While thus engaged he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economic expenditures brought to him sufficient capital to enable him to engage in business on his own account. Accordingly in 1874 he and his brother Joseph opened a furniture store in Burlington and for fifteen years conducted the business, their success growing with the development of the city. His brother Joseph sold out in 1889 but John H. Troxel still remains an active factor in the world's work, being at the head of the business which he has now long wisely and successfully conducted.

In 1856 Mr. Troxel was married to Miss Katherine Gingrich, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1835, and they became the parents of four children: Elizabeth, the widow of Edward Rankin; Emma, who is the widow of Charles Greene and has two children; Albert, who works for his father; and William, who is also associated in business with the subject of this review.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Troxel put aside all business and personal considerations, for his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union. Accordingly he enlisted in 1861, joining Company K of the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Regiment and went to the front, but he became afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism and was honorably discharged in 1862 because of physical disability. In politics he is a republican and his first presidential ballot was cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He has since marched under the party's banners and has seen no reason to change his allegiance. He and his family are members of the Congregational church and he has been an upright life fraught with many good deeds and characterized by noble purposes.

There has been nothing spectacular in his career. It does not show up with the brilliancy of the military or political leader, but it is the substantial business man who constitutes the real bone and sinew of the nation. They are the ones who can be counted upon in every emergency and who are accustomed to judge in an impartial and therefore beneficial way concerning the problems which confront the country. Mr. Troxel has lived to see wonderful changes not only in Burlington but in all sections of America. The nineteenth century has well been termed the age of invention and it is within his memory that most of the railroads of the country have been built, that its telegraph and telephone lines have been established, and that the work

of improvement and development has been carried on along many other lines. Unlike many others he does not sigh for the "good old days" but has ever kept in touch with modern thought and progress, and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime.

CHARLES SCHWARZ.

Charles Schwarz is the oldest coal merchant of Burlington continuously engaged in business. For twenty-six years he has been identified with the coal trade and his enterprise and reliable methods have been the salient factors in winning for him the substantial success which he now enjoys. As is indicated by his name he is of German birth, his natal day being June 12, 1855. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Beemer) Schwarz, also natives of the fatherland, remained residents of that country until 1866, when they crossed the Atlantic to the new world and made their way to Burlington. The father devoted his life to farming and both he and his wife have passed away. In their family were four sons and a daughter, of whom one is deceased.

Charles Schwarz acquired a public-school education, which was begun in Germany and continued in the schools of Des Moines county. His time was divided between his studies, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields, for as soon as old enough he began to assist his father in the further development and improvement of the home farm. When a young man he began working out as a farm hand and afterward rented land which he cultivated for a few years. In early manhood he also learned the butcher's trade and became manager of a meat market at Winfield, Iowa. Liking the business, he later bought out his employer but in 1882 he disposed of his interests at Winfield and came to Burlington, where he engaged in teaming until 1884. He then took up his abode in West Burlington and built the first butcher shop in the town, continuing in that line of business until he sold out and began dealing in coal, being, as previously stated, the oldest merchant in years of continuous connection with the coal trade in West Burlington. His identification with the business covers twenty-six years and for a time he maintained an office in Burlington in addition to his plant in West Burlington. His business has grown with the passing years and his trade has now assumed extensive and gratifying proportions, bringing to him very desirable and well earned success.

In 1878 Mr. Schwarz was united in marriage to Miss Kate Beck, of Mount Pleasant, a daughter of John and Eva Beck, farming people, who became early settlers of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz have become the parents of five children: Katie, at home; Otto, a farmer residing near Salem, Iowa; Pearl, the wife of Alexander Peterson, who carries on general farming near Mount Pleasant; John, who is engaged in teaming at West Burlington; and Carrie, at home.

Mr. Schwarz and his family are members of the Lutheran church, and his political indorsement is given to the republican party. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. In 1908 he was made postmaster of West Burlington and he has also been street commissioner, filling the position for two years. His public service, like his business career, has at all times been creditable and it is well known that his influence in matters of citizenship is always on the side of progress and improvement.

THOMAS RICHARD RANKIN.

Death called Thomas Richard Rankin on the 17th of December, 1913, just after he had passed the eighty-sixth milestone on life's journey. His was indeed a commendable life. His well formulated plans had been carried forward to fruition and every duty that devolved upon him in the various connections of home and public life was faithfully met and performed. He agreed with Lincoln that "there is something better than making a living—making a life;" and he therefore directed his energies in accordance with the highest standards of manhood and of citizenship. He remained in active connection with business affairs long after he had entered the ranks of the octogenarians.

The birth of Mr. Rankin occurred in Sevier county, Tennessee, December 11, 1827, his parents being William and Catherine (Gault) Rankin. His ancestral history shows that the family was established in America during colonial days. His grandfather, Richard Rankin, had a family of ten sons and one daughter and four of the number, Thomas, David, William and Samuel Steele, enlisted for service in the War of 1812 under General Jackson. One of these, David, was killed in the battle with the Indians in Alabama, at Horseshoe Bend, on the Tallahassee river. Descendants of Richard Rankin to the number of forty-two participated in the Civil war.

Six of these belonged to the family of John Rankin, who was called the father of abolition. He was the author of a volume, "Rankin's Letters on Slavery," which it is said converted Wendell Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison to the cause of abolition. Mr. Rankin studied the question of slavery first hand. He talked with the slaves, noted their treatment and with wide vision saw not only individual wrongs but the criminality of the entire system, and he wrote these letters to his brother Thomas, entreating him to free all slaves in his possession. This John Rankin was a Presbyterian minister and it was he who furnished most of the characters to Harriet Beecher Stowe for the story of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. It was at his home in Ripley, on the Ohio river, that Eliza Harris, who figures in the story, sought refuge after making the perilous trip over cakes of floating ice to the northern shore. The Rankin family was not only notable because of the strength of its loyalty during the Civil war but also by reason of high moral principle which has ever dominated its representatives. The grandfather of Thomas R. Rankin had four sons, John, William, Alexander T. and Robert H., who became ministers of the Presbyterian church, and four other sons who were elders in that church.

The Rev. William Rankin was born in East Tennessee, June 1, 1795, and there remained until 1833, when he went to North Carolina, where he spent four years. In 1837 he became a resident of Indiana and four years later came to Iowa, arriving in this state in 1841. He engaged in preaching as pastor of a Presbyterian church in Yellow Springs township, Des Moines county, until 1842, and later spent two years in pastoral work at Marion, Linn county. He was for a year at Plymouth, Hancock county, Illinois, and afterward spent many years in Quincy, Illinois, whence he came to Burlington in 1872. His remaining days were passed in this state, his death occurring in Farmington, March 7, 1889, when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-four years. He was married five times. His first wife, by whom he had seven children, was of Scotch-Irish descent, as were the Rankins, and died when their son Thomas was but six months old.

Thomas Richard Rankin pursued his education in the Mission Institute at Quincy, Illinois. A cracker factory was conducted in connection with the school in order that the boys might have work if they were unable in other ways to meet their expenses, and it was there that Mr. Rankin learned the baker's trade, which he followed in Quincy from 1844 until 1852. In the fall of the latter year he arrived in Burlington and built a bake shop on Main street. S. C. Treat became associated with him, making candy and bread, while

Mr. Rankin made the crackers. In 1855 they removed to North Third street and the partnership was continued until 1857, when Mr. Treat sold out to S. E. Taylor. They made several changes of location and extended the scope of their business to include the shipping of fruit and vegetables. In 1870 they disposed of their bakery and Mr. Rankin formed a partnership with Gus Dodge in the fruit business on West Jefferson street and at the same time bought out the Richey interest in the ice business, thus becoming a partner of Mr. Dunn. When in 1874 Mr. Dodge purchased Mr. Dunn's interests, the firm of Rankin & Dodge was thus formed and continued to deal in fruit and ice. The partnership was maintained until 1890, when Mr. Rankin became sole proprietor and remained alone until 1900, when he admitted Forest F. Houston to a partnership under the firm style of T. R. Rankin & Company. Mr. Rankin also became a partner of Mr. Dunn in the ice, wood and coal business and his commercial interests are yet maintained in concrete form under the style of the Rankin Coal & Ice Company, being carried on by three of his nephews. For more than a half century he was actively connected with commercial interests in Burlington and at his death there was no other resident of the city so long identified with its business affairs.

On the 10th of April, 1851, in Rushville, Schuyler county, Illinois, was celebrated the marriage of Thomas R. Rankin and Miss Elizabeth A. Houston, a daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth (Purdy) Houston. Her father, a native of New Hampshire, removed westward to Columbus, Ohio, where he conducted business as a carpenter and builder. He was married there in 1815 and in 1830 removed westward to Beardstown, Illinois, and soon afterward took up his abode on a farm near Rushville, Illinois, where he passed away in 1855. His wife survived him for twenty years, dying in 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin had no children of their own but reared an adopted daughter, Emma G., who became the wife of J. W. Cornic, of Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Rankin passed away August 21, 1893, and on the 11th of November, 1896, Mr. Rankin wedded Miss Harriet Houston, a daughter of John P. and Elizabeth (Gray) Houston.

Mrs. Rankin is a member of the Congregational church, to which Mr. Rankin also belonged and in the work of the church she has taken deep interest and a helpful part. Mr. Rankin was in charge of the benevolent work of the church from 1870 and for many years served as one of the deacons. He voted with the republican party but was never an aspirant for public office. Fraternally he was connected with the Royal Arcanum but he preferred outside of business hours to spend his time in his home and among his friends, who were many.

His life was indeed honorable and upright and gained for him the high regard, confidence and goodwill of all with whom he came in contact. He never deviated from high standards in any relation, nor was he ever content to choose the second best. His ideals were high and he embraced every opportunity to secure their accomplishment. He had, too, that kindly nature which made him ever approachable and in his life justice was tempered with mercy.

RALPH F. HOLMES.

Ralph F. Holmes, an energetic, wide-awake business man, stimulated always by the spirit of progress and advancement, is now manager of the Grand Opera House and of the Iowa Posting Service Company. He was born in Burlington, August 13, 1887, and acquired a public-school education while spending his youthful days under the parental roof. His father, George V. Holmes, now fifty-five years of age, is engaged in the express business in Burlington. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Wilhelmina Aschhoff, was born in Burlington and is now fifty years of age. They are members of the Zion German church.

Ralph F. Holmes, an only child, after pursuing the high-school course in Burlington attended Elliott's Business College and his first work was with the Rock Island Railroad, with which he remained for three years. It was after leaving that position that he took his business course and subsequently he secured a position in the office of the division superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, spending a year there. Having acted in the capacity of usher at the Grand Opera House and thinking that he would like to follow that line for a business, he applied for a position to M. S. Scovill, who was then manager of the Grand, and was taken into the office as treasurer and ticket seller. At that time the office of the Grand was the general office for the entire circuit of some twenty or more towns and all of the bookings and the auditing were done here. Mr. Holmes, as he anticipated, found the work congenial and in November, 1910, he became manager. He is well known and popular, not only among the theatrical people, but in Burlington as a business man. As the manager of the Grand he has given to the city an attractive line of entertainments, holding to high standards in that connection. This is the leading theater of the city and has a seating capacity of thirteen hundred. It is beautifully equipped in every

particular and presents the best theatrical attractions upon the road. On the 3d of September, 1910, after the opening play, "Miss Nobody of Starland," someone placed a bomb on the stage and blew up a part of the building, doing considerable damage, but fortunately no person was injured as this occurred after one o'clock in the morning. They never found the culprit. The work of repair was at once instituted and the Grand has always maintained its position as the leading theatrical house of Burlington. Mr. Holmes is also at the head of the Iowa Posting Service Company, in which connection he is conducting a profitable and growing business.

Mr. Holmes is well known in fraternal circles as a member of the Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Moose and is fond of outdoor life as indicated by his membership in the Golf Club. He is a very energetic and enterprising young man and is meeting with well merited success in his chosen undertaking.

HON. LYMAN COOK.

There was much that was remarkable and noteworthy in the career of the Hon. Lyman Cook, one of Burlington's pioneers of the year 1840. Remarkable was his advent in this section, for he arrived here after a horseback ride of twenty-three days from Ohio. Remarkably small were his business beginnings and remarkably important the position he attained in the financial world as president of the First National Bank. Moreover, Mr. Cook did extraordinary work in connection with railroad building, serving as a director of most of the local roads and also being one of the commission which met in Chicago in 1862 in order to organize the Union Pacific. All of these vast business interests, however, did not exhaust Mr. Cook's vitality and energy, for he yet found time to enter into political and governmental affairs and for a number of years not only held the office of mayor of Burlington during the most active days in its construction period but also represented his district in the state senate and served during Civil war times as commissary to provide equipment for the troops at the front. He was intimately associated with all of the great movements of his time within the state, and some without the state, and he was acquainted with nearly all of the great men of Iowa who made history that affected the nation.

Mr. Cook passed away October 1, 1898, in his seventy-ninth year, his birth having occurred on his father's farm in Bennington, Lick-

ing county, Ohio, June 6, 1820. In the acquirement of an education he attended the public schools and also Denison University at Granville, Ohio, from which he graduated at the age of eighteen years. He then secured a position as bookkeeper in the iron works at Zoar, Ohio, which he held for two years. In the spring of 1840 he came to Burlington, Iowa, in search of those opportunities which he was sure the middle west presented to an enterprising and ambitious young man. He made the trip from the Buckeye state on horseback and it took him twenty-three days to cover the distance. After settling in Burlington he engaged in the commission and produce business for a short time and then turned his attention to the hardware trade, in which he soon associated himself with John Prugh. After Mr. Prugh's death, in 1851, John W. White bought an interest in the business, which was conducted as Cook & White until 1854. Even in this early venture along commercial lines more than ordinary success came to Mr. Cook, who readily demonstrated his ability to cope with conditions and situations that were entirely new to him. He could see farther into the future than many of the men around him, and his ability to grasp each opportunity that presented itself was the secret of his success.

Having accumulated some means, Mr. Cook entered the private banking business in 1854 as a member of the newly formed firm of White, Cook & Company, which successfully continued the business until 1858, when our subject formed a partnership with John M. Baxter to conduct a business along the same line. The firm of Cook & Baxter existed as such until 1861, in which year Mr. Cook succeeded W. F. Coolbaugh as president of the Burlington branch of the State Bank of Iowa. He had become one of the most able financiers of this part of the state, readily understanding the banking situation that prevailed, and in the important position to which he was called in 1861 gathered further experience. He served as president of the local branch of the State Bank until January, 1864, when he organized the First National Bank of Burlington, of which he became president and which under his able management and careful control became one of the most formidable institutions of its kind within the state. While Mr. Cook would never lose sight of the great interests under his care he had a capacity for detail which was remarkable. He kept in touch with the least important of his employees and was ever ready to receive valuable suggestions. The safety of the bank's deposits were his greatest care and yet he would judiciously extend credit and in that way contributed in a very large measure toward the industrial growth of Burlington. He was a rare

judge of human nature and this ability, in combination with his long experience as a banker and business man, made it practically impossible for him to commit a serious error.

Lyman Cook had many other interests which were of the utmost importance in the development of the district which centers around Burlington. He was a director of the Iowa State Savings Bank; of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company of Iowa; of the old Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Missouri Railway Company; and of the Burlington & Northwestern Railway Company. Mr. Cook was also a member of the commission which in 1862 met in Chicago in order to organize the Union Pacific Railway Company. From these connections and judged by the important position which he held in the financial world it is unnecessary to mention the part which he played in the history of the development of the state. He was one of those big men who did many things effectively yet quietly. Many benefits deriving from his activities are enjoyed by the present generation and will be a boon to generations to come.

Apart from Mr. Cook's business career as outlined above stands his political success. He was a stalwart whig and later naturally turned to the republican party. From 1846 to 1850 he served as alderman of Burlington and in 1851 was called upon to fill the mayor's chair. He was reelected in 1852 and 1853 and, what means more, was reelected without opposition. In 1856 yet greater honors came to him when the voters of his district called upon him to represent their interests in the state senate. He served until 1860 and was a force for good in the upper house of the legislative assembly. He was active in committee rooms in the interests of his constituents and from the floor of the house gave his support to important measures which found their way upon the statutes of the state. During the Civil war Governor Kirkwood appointed Mr. Cook commissary and he was particularly designated to look after the provision of equipment for the troops at the front. In his political life Lyman Cook came in contact with the foremost men of his time and all of them appreciated that quiet yet forceful individuality which could do so much with seemingly so little effort. His work during the days of development in the city of Burlington and during the critical times of the Civil war is not forgotten to this day.

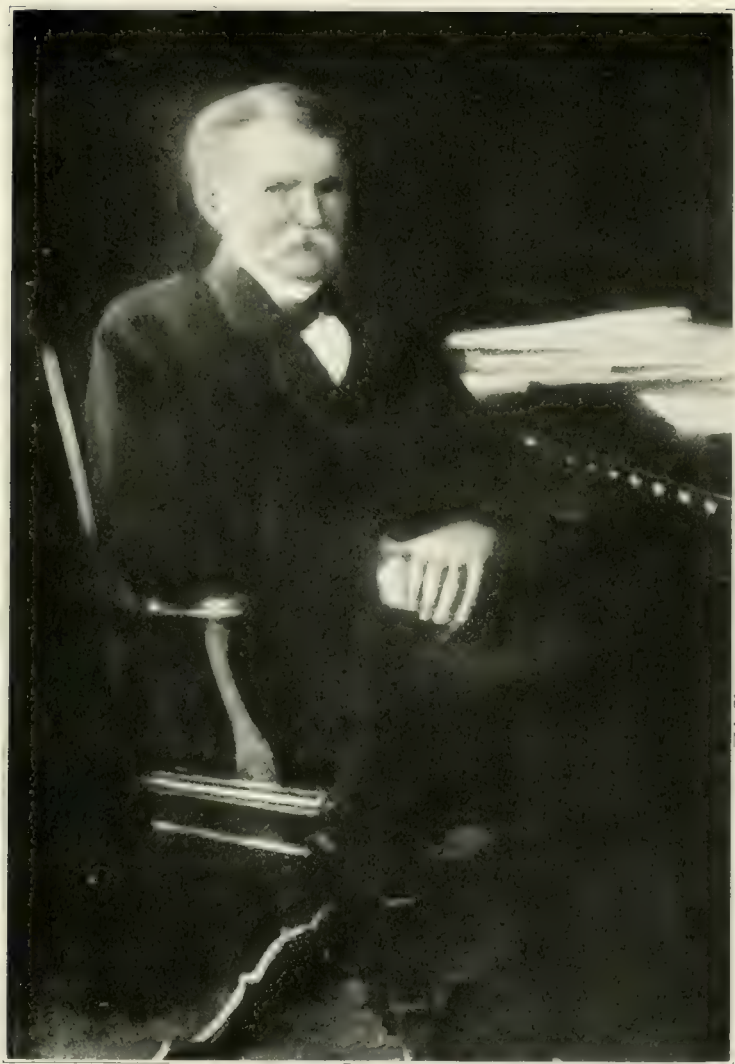
Lyman Cook was twice married. In 1846 he wedded Miss Octavia Lorrain, who died in 1856, after ten years of married life, leaving two children: H. T. Cook, who died in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 1887; and Mary Frances, the wife of the Hon. Thomas Hedge, ex-member of congress and president of Gilbert, Hedge &

Company of Burlington. In 1861 Mr. Cook married Mrs. Lucia St. John, who died in 1897, leaving one child, Louise, the wife of William Carson, of Burlington. In the annals of the history of Burlington there can be found the names of but few men who did as much for the welfare of their city as Lyman Cook, a force in the commercial world of his day, a public servant of the most unselfish character and a builder for the future.

ERNST BOCK.

In a history of Burlington it is imperative that mention should be made of Ernst Bock, for his life record is inseparably interwoven with the annals of this city. The beauty of Crapo Park is largely attributable to his untiring energies and in various public connections he largely furthered the general welfare. He was born in Silesia, Germany, on the 28th of August, 1848, a son of Joseph and Johanna (Reichelt) Bock. The mother died in Germany and in later life the father came to the new world and spent his last three years with his sons, passing away January 6, 1897, at the venerable age of eighty-one years. He was a florist and landscape gardener of high repute in his chosen calling, and he had charge of the greenhouses of a German baron. In the family were five children: Joseph and Ernst, both of whom were valued and prominent citizens of Burlington but are now deceased; William, who died in this city, February 20, 1913; Anna, who died in Germany; and Oscar, who is still living in the fatherland.

Ernst Bock spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native land and then in company with his brother Joseph embarked for the new world, making his way direct to Burlington, where the two brothers joined an uncle, Jerome Bock, who was then conducting a nursery business on Madison avenue. Both were connected with the nursery and florist business throughout their entire lives. Their father had been engaged in that line and thus they acquired considerable knowledge of the business in youth. They spent about ten years in the employ of their uncle and during that time Ernst Bock made a trip back to Europe for the benefit of his health, which had become impaired through injuries sustained in a railroad accident. After a few months, however, he again came to the United States. In 1873 he purchased what is now the present home place of fourteen acres and for a time kept bachelor's hall, building on his land a



ERNST BOCK

house of three rooms which is now a part of the present fine family residence. He embarked in the florist and nursery business on his own account and his brother Joseph later became his partner and purchased adjoining property. From the beginning their business grew and developed along substantial lines and the partnership was continued for about a decade, at the end of which time they severed their business connections, Joseph taking over the greenhouses and continuing in business as a florist, while Ernst Bock became proprietor of the nurseries. He engaged in the cultivation and sale of general nursery stock and in that connection built up a business of extensive proportions. Under his careful management it became one of the best enterprises of the kind in the state. As he prospered in his undertakings he made judicious investments and became one of the extensive property owners, holding a large amount of realty within the city limits, much of it being along Sunnyside avenue. His business was known as the Sunnyside Nursery—a name which became widely known not only in Burlington but throughout the state, for his patronage covered a wide territory.

On the 9th of September, 1877, Mr. Bock was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide Schaffner, who was born in Des Moines county and died July 21, 1894. They were the parents of four children: William, who died at the age of two years; Clarence, a salesman for the nursery business, living in this city, where he has married and has one son, Milton; Gertrude, the wife of Ed Cook, of Clinton, Iowa, by whom she has two children, Glenn and Marita; and Adella, who died at the age of two years.

In December, 1895, Mr. Bock was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Frances Eckhart Hanson, who passed away June 6, 1900, leaving two children, Jerome and Frances. On the 27th of July, 1904, Mr. Bock was married again, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Emma Kupper Kneubuhl, a widow, who was born in Des Moines county and by her first marriage had two children: Emily Kneubuhl, who is principal of a school in Minneapolis; and B. F., who has been connected with the United States navy for the past twelve years.

Mr. Bock gave his political allegiance to the democratic party, and he was one of the first selected to serve as alderman under the new commission form of government. His familiarity with plant life and the esteem in which he was held by all made him logically a candidate for the office and he was made commissioner of the parks, serving as president of the park board for nine years. He was one of the three park commissioners to succeed Philip Crapo

and for fifteen years he acted as president of the commission having Crapo Park in charge. He closely studied the opportunities for adorning and beautifying the park and Burlington has every reason to be proud of the results which crowned his efforts in that connection. When he was elected to the city government under the commission form he received the highest vote polled by any alderman. Mr. Bock was an active member of the Turn Verein. He passed away March 31, 1914, and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He had an extensive circle of warm friends who entertained for him the highest regard.

Writing of his demise, one of the local papers said: "The loss of Mr. Bock will be felt by the community in marked manner, as his personality and high character contained those attributes of love, patience, courtesy and unselfishness which made his presence a source of joy and encouragement to his friends as well as intimate family. With him thought of others was ever paramount and he met his acquaintances with a ready, genial smile." In manner he was quiet and unostentatious, but the sterling worth of his character won recognition and all who knew him entertained for him the warmest regard. In his passing Burlington indeed lost one of its worthy and valued citizens.

MANASSEH EDWARDS.

For many years Manasseh Edwards was connected with lumber interests in Burlington, in which line of business he continued until his retirement from active life several years prior to his death. He was a native of Wales, born October 4, 1839, and as a child came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Edwards, to the United States, the family locating in Louisa county, Iowa, where the father followed the trade of wagon-making.

Manasseh Edwards was educated in the public schools of that county and subsequently became a cabinet-maker. He established himself independently in that trade in Morning Sun, Louisa county, where by close application he gained prosperity. He became one of the influential men of the city, not only in business but in politics, and was twice elected county recorder, continuing in office for four years. In 1881 Mr. Edwards removed to Burlington and there identified himself with the lumber business.

In Morning Sun, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage to Miss Orra W. Hurd, a native of Ohio. Their children were: James Lyman, who is one of the best known citizens of Burlington and stands high in financial circles as president of the Merchants National Bank of this city; Nancy L. and Lucretia E. Mrs. Edwards, who resides at No. 646 South Twelfth street, Burlington, is beloved by all who know her and takes a deep interest in the moral and intellectual development of the community.

Mr. Edwards was a republican but after coming to Burlington did not again enter politics. He belonged to the First Presbyterian church and was a member of the Masonic order. He had many commendable traits of character and his memory is dear to his many friends, who appreciated him as much for his qualities of character as for his achievements in the business world. He died April 8, 1913, at the age of seventy-three and one-half years, and with him there passed from life one of the commanding figures of that part of the state in which he resided.

BENJAMIN HARRISON HEATON.

Benjamin Harrison Heaton, president of the Rankin Coal & Ice Company, is thus active in the management of one of the important commercial interests of Burlington, where the company now enjoys an extensive and growing business. He was born in West Burlington, March 4, 1889, and is a son of John and Ella (Rankin) Heaton. The father's birth occurred in England, in 1845, and he now resides in West Burlington, where he is employed in the machine shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. His wife was born in Lorissa, Cherokee county, Texas, in 1855, and by their marriage they had five children: David, who died in Iowa fifteen years ago; Isabelle, who is a teacher in the schools of Kirkwood, Missouri; Thomas H., who died December 13, 1914, and was buried in Burlington; Benjamin H.; and John Robert, at home.

Benjamin H. Heaton pursued his education in the grammar schools of West Burlington and also studied for two terms in Elliott's Business College of Burlington. He was afterwards employed for fifteen months as a clothing salesman in the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Company of Chicago and later entered the employ of The Hub of Chicago, being connected with that establishment for four months. Subsequently he was an employe of the P. D. Madi-

gan Company of Chicago for seven months and at the end of that time entered the service of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company, having charge of the men's department for three years. In 1913 he returned to Burlington and on the 1st of October of that year became a member of T. R. Rankin & Company, now the Rankin Coal & Ice Company, with which he has since been connected. His previous broad and varied experience well qualified him for his duties and he has been very active in the development of the business, which is now one of the important concerns of the kind in the city.

On the 26th of April, 1911, Mr. Heaton wedded Miss Harriet A. Underwood, a daughter of John E. and Carrie May (Miner) Underwood, who reside in Chicago, Mr. Underwood being connected with the retail store of Marshall Field & Company. Mrs. Heaton was born in Frankfort, Indiana, in 1888. They now reside at No. 628 South Gunnison street and they attend the Presbyterian church. He is a wide-awake, active and alert young business man and his general experience, combined with his upright dealing and his courtesy, will be sure to win him in a short time a creditable position in business circles and success as a merchant in the line in which he engages.

MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK.

The Merchants National Bank of Burlington is one of the strong financial institutions of the city. It was established November 7, 1870, and on its board of directors were F. W. Barhydt, who was made president, P. H. Smyth, C. W. Bodeman, J. C. McKell, C. O'Brion, L. Carper and L. Teedrick, while E. McKittrick was chosen cashier. A temporary organization was effected, Mr. Barhydt being the organizer, and the bank was capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Barhydt remained as president until April, 1904, when he resigned, but continued as a director until his death, which occurred on the 16th of July, 1913. Mr. Edwards succeeded him in the presidency. H. C. Garrett became cashier on the organization of the bank. Mr. Edwards had acted as cashier for seven years, coming to that office from the position of general bookkeeper. When he was advanced to the presidency H. J. Hungerford became cashier and so continues. There are three vice presidents, W. E. Blake, Alexander Moir and James Moir, while F. L. Houke and C. L. Fulton are assistant cashiers. Mr. Blake is chairman of the board

of directors and in addition to the other officers the members of the board are H. A. Brown, W. C. Tubbs, W. W. Copeland, J. L. Edwards, J. L. Waite and John Bernard. In 1871 the present bank building was erected at the northeast corner of Main and Jefferson streets. In addition to its capital of one hundred thousand dollars the bank now has a surplus and undivided profits amounting to one hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars, enjoying a respect which surpasses that accorded any other banking institution in the city.

CHARLES G. BOSCH.

Charles G. Bosch, conducting a profitable and growing plumbing and electric business in Burlington, belongs to that class of men who do not seek to figure prominently in public affairs nor occupy a spectacular position in public regard, but who by reason of their substantial qualities constitute a most valuable element in citizenship. Burlington claims him as a native son. He was born May 24, 1854, his parents, who were natives of Germany, having come to this country about 1851 or 1852, at which time the father opened a grocery store on West Washington street. In their family were seven children but only two survive, Charles Bosch and Mrs. Joseph Spies, both of Burlington. The father passed away almost four decades ago, after which his widow became the wife of John Dabb, who was a baker, conducting business on Washington street. The surviving daughter of that marriage is Mrs. Herman Wolfert, of West Burlington. The mother has passed away, however, and she and her two husbands now rest in Aspen Grove cemetery.

Charles G. Bosch pursued his early education in the German subscription schools and also attended the public schools of Burlington. He was eighteen years of age when he secured a position in the drug store of C. P. Squires, and subsequently he obtained employment in the plumbing establishment of Stewart & Hayden. At a later period he worked at the plumber's trade in Chicago and Denver, and with the passing years his skill, ability and resourcefulness steadily increased. In 1880 he built the gas plant in Creston, Iowa, which he operated for two years, and on the 1st of November, 1883, he established a plumbing business on Main street in Burlington, so that he has now been connected with the business for more than three decades. The beginning was small but as time passed on he had to increase his facilities to meet his growing trade and today he is con-

ducting a very gratifying and successful plumbing and electric business.

On the 10th of October, 1882, occurred the marriage of Mr. Bosch and Miss Blanche Louisa Whitehead, a daughter of Josiah Whitehead, of Creston, Iowa. She died in 1910 and was buried in Burlington. In 1912 Mr. Bosch married Miss Clara Lau, of Burlington, a daughter of Nicholas and Caroline Lau. Her father conducts a meat market in this city. Mr. Bosch owns residence property in the city and also has other valuable real estate in Burlington. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen of the World and he also belongs to the Silver Lake Club. His political indorsement is usually given to the democratic party although he does not hesitate to vote independently if his judgment sanctions that course. He has been secretary of the Business Men's Club, in which he still holds membership, and he is likewise a member of the Commercial Club. He cooperates in every movement for the benefit and welfare of the city and is a consistent and faithful member of the German Lutheran church, which has found in him a generous supporter as have various charitable organizations. His life has been well spent, and the salient traits of his character are such as win high regard. His business ability has gained for him the trust of contemporaries and colleagues, and his devotion to the public good has placed him high on the roll of Burlington's progressive citizens.

W. H. GRUPE.

W. H. Grupe needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for as an official in the Lagomarcino-Grupe Company he is widely known in commercial circles far beyond the limits of Burlington. He is a native of this city and many of his fellow townsmen have watched with interest and pride his advancement, resulting in the attainment of the splendid measure of prosperity which is today his. He was born in 1859, a son of N. P. and Lydia (Hartley) Grupe, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, but, attracted by the business opportunities of the new and growing west, they came to Iowa in 1842, settling in Burlington, where the father worked at the painter's trade and thus provided for his family.

At the usual age W. H. Grupe entered the public schools of Burlington and applied himself to the mastery of his studies until 1878, when, at the age of nineteen years, his text-books were put aside and

he began learning more difficult and arduous lessons in the school of experience. He entered the employ of Andy Lagomarcino, a well known fruit merchant of Burlington, and gradually working his way upward in that connection by reason of his fidelity, trustworthiness and ready adaptability, he was admitted to a partnership in 1885. Since that time the business has grown continuously and he has been a factor in its advancing success. An extended history of the company and the growth of the business is given on another page of this volume.

Mr. Grupe was united in marriage to Miss Ida Weisman, a native of Keokuk, and to them has been born a son, Harold, and three daughters, Dorothea, Helen and Marion.

WILLIAM W. POTTER, M. D.

Dr. William W. Potter, engaged in the active practice of medicine at Mediapolis, was born at Lone Tree, Johnson county, Iowa, September 30, 1879, a son of W. S. and Julia E. Potter, the former a native of Norwich, Connecticut, born October 6, 1850, and the latter a native of the state of New York. The father came to Iowa in October, 1858, in company with his parents and has since resided in Johnson county, being now engaged in merchandising at Lone Tree. The mother died when their son Dr. Potter was but eight weeks old. The father afterward married again and the second wife bore the maiden name of Georgiana Lutz and was a good mother to the children of the first marriage, who were three in number: May, who died in 1901 at the age of thirty-one years; Frederick H., who was born March 9, 1878, and was graduated from Drake University, now a practicing attorney of Chicago; and William W. By the second marriage there were two daughters: Charlotte, yet at home; and Edna, who married Harvey Northrup and resides at Garden Grove.

Dr. Potter remained at home until 1900 and, passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, was graduated from the high school at Lone Tree with the class of 1899. He attended the State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, for one term and subsequently engaged in teaching for two years in the country schools of Johnson and Cedar counties. He regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, however, and with a desire to become a physician entered the medical department of the State University, from which he was graduated in 1906. He worked his way through

the medical school and thus displayed the elemental strength and determination of his character, qualities which have been of great benefit to him in his later work. He had to drop out of college one year in order to earn a sufficient sum to enable him to continue the course. Following his graduation he began practice at Kinross, Iowa, where he remained from 1906 until 1910, and on the 1st of April, of the latter year, he came to Mediapolis, where he has since successfully followed his profession. He is conscientious in the discharge of all of his professional duties and his marked ability has gained him a growing patronage which is most gratifying. He is a member of the Des Moines County and Iowa State Medical Societies and of the American Medical Association and thus keeps informed concerning the advanced thought and progressive methods of the leading physicians and surgeons of the country.

On the 10th of July, 1907, Dr. Potter was united in marriage to Miss Clara Louise Mason, of Cedar Rapids, and to them have been born two sons: John Wesley, born May 26, 1908; and Mason Wolcott, born June 6, 1911. Dr. Potter was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his father throughout his entire life has been an active member. The Doctor also joined the church and has been most loyal to its teachings. He is serving now on the official board. In politics he was formerly a republican, but because of his interest in the temperance cause he has become a prohibitionist. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen. His life has been a busy and useful one, fraught with many good deeds and actuated by kindly purposes and honorable principles. He has gained many friends during the period of his residence here and is well known socially and professionally outside of Mediapolis.

JOHN EDWIN RHEIN.

Des Moines county has on the whole been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for with but few exceptions they have been loyal to the best interests of the community and have labored diligently to advance the public welfare. Most true and loyal in the discharge of his duties is John Edwin Rhein, county treasurer, whose capability and fidelity are attested in the fact that he has been again and again elected to the office which he has filled continuously since 1900.

In this connection Burlington is honoring one of her native sons, for he was here born on the 29th of December, 1858, his parents being Henry R. and Rebecca Emma (Swartzwelder) Rhein, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. In the Keystone state they were reared and married and in 1852 removed westward to Iowa, settling in Burlington. The journey westward was made by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Keokuk and thence by stage to their destination. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade and followed that pursuit in early life, but in 1860 became an accountant and office man in Burlington and was thus engaged up to the time of his death, which occurred January 1, 1887. His widow survived for a quarter of a century, passing away December 14, 1912. Both were consistent and faithful members of the Episcopal church and were widely recognized as people of the highest respectability. Mr. Rhein held membership in the Masonic fraternity and in politics was an active democrat, laboring untiringly for the success of his party, upon which ticket he was elected to the office of city treasurer for one term. To him and his wife were born seven children, four of whom died in infancy, and of the three who survived to adult age Susan E. has also passed away. The others are: William H., of Lander, Wyoming; and John Edwin.

The latter acquired a public-school education in Burlington and after his text-books were put aside he crossed the threshold of business life, spending six months as an employee in a drug store. He then entered the employ of Donahue & McCosh, hardware merchants, and his capability and fidelity are indicated in the fact that he remained in that service for six years. In 1886 he was appointed deputy treasurer under E. S. Burrus, who died in office, after which Mr. Rhein filled out the term. The following year Nils Anderson was elected and Mr. Rhein served under him as deputy until he was elected county treasurer in 1900. At each election his fellow townsmen have indorsed his conduct in office at the polls and he has thus been identified with the position as deputy and as treasurer for twenty-nine years—a record that is perhaps unparalleled in Iowa. In politics he has always been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he keeps in close touch with the questions and issues of the day.

Fraternally Mr. Rhein is connected with the Elks and the Eagles and he is a member of the Commercial Exchange of Burlington. Outside of politics he is perhaps best known in musical circles. He inherited and possesses much natural musical talent and has been identified with bands of this city since 1884. He is now a member of

Fischer's Band, playing the bass horn. He and his father, mother and sister were at one time a quartet in the Episcopal church. He has ever been much interested in music and has done not a little to stimulate taste and talent in the art in Burlington. This has brought to him a wide acquaintance, as have his social and official connections, and Mr. Rhein is a popular citizen, having an extended circle of friends throughout the county.

THE NATIONAL STATE BANK.

The National State Bank, of Burlington, is the oldest established bank in Iowa. It was organized in 1842 by F. J. C. Peasley & Company, the silent partner of the firm being F. W. Brooks. These gentlemen were engaged in the commission and brokerage business on Front street and their business relations continued until the death of Mr. Peasley in 1845, after which Mr. Brooks continued the business and later in the same year was joined in a partnership by W. F. Coolbaugh under the firm style of Coolbaugh & Brooks, which relation was maintained for thirteen years. They conducted a banking business at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets. On the 20th of August, 1858, a branch of the State Bank of Iowa was opened at the office of Coolbaugh & Brooks with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars under the direction of James W. Grimes, Charles Mason, Lyman Cook, W. F. Coolbaugh and F. W. Brooks. This was the First State Bank of Burlington. Mr. Coolbaugh resigned as president and director on the 29th of April, 1862, and was succeeded in the presidency by Lyman Cook. The National State Bank as it now exists was established January 9, 1865, and capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars. In the meantime, in 1862, in Chicago, there was organized a private bank under the firm style of W. F. Coolbaugh & Company with Mr. Brooks as the silent partner. This became the Union National Bank in 1865.

Among the first stockholders of the National State Bank were Francis W. Brooks, who was elected president January 10, 1865; William F. Coolbaugh, of Chicago; Lyman Cook, E. D. Rand and O. H. Schenck, who became directors; and Franklin G. Parsons, who was made cashier. Mr. Brooks served as president until his death, which occurred April 1, 1869, and he was succeeded by E. D. Rand on the 5th of the same month, while James C. Peasley succeeded Mr. Parsons as cashier on the 28th of May, 1866. Mr. Rand remained

as president until April 22, 1871, when Mr. Peasley was called to that office. John T. Remey was made cashier on the same date. When Mr. Peasley retired E. D. Rand became president on the 1st of September, 1881, and Mr. Peasley was made vice president. Mr. Rand served until September 1, 1883, when John T. Remey was elected president, while Mr. Rand became vice president and T. G. Foster cashier. The death of Mr. Rand occurred in April, 1887. It was on the 22d of April, of that year, that John J. Fleming was elected cashier. Mr. Foster resigned to look after Mr. Rand's interests and J. W. Brooks was made assistant cashier on the 22d of April, 1887, and was elected a member of the board of directors on the 10th of January, 1888. Mr. Fleming continued to act as cashier until March 20, 1900, when he was succeeded by J. W. Brooks, who was then made cashier and vice president, succeeding Charles Starker.

The capital stock of the bank has been advanced to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and surplus and profits now amount to one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. The bank building has been remodeled several times, but the business is still conducted on the same site where it was begun in 1845. The statement of the bank at the close of the fiscal year ending March 4, 1914, showed splendid and substantial growth. Its resources amount to one million, eight hundred and forty thousand dollars, its deposits amount to one million, three hundred and sixty-four thousand dollars, and the bank is in a most flourishing condition. The present officers are John T. Remey, president; J. W. Brooks, vice president and cashier, with four assistant cashiers—M. C. Stelle, C. E. Brooks, F. W. Brooks and Miller R. Brooks. The directors of the company are John T. Remey, J. J. Fleming, J. W. Brooks, J. J. Seerley, Thomas Wilkinson and C. E. Brooks.

FORREST WILLIAM PARROTT.

Forrest William Parrott, filling the position of auditor of Des Moines county, has on other occasions also occupied public office and at all times has furthered the interests of the community by his unfaltering devotion to and prompt discharge of the duties of his position. His ideals of citizenship are high and he eagerly embraces every opportunity to further their adoption. He was born in Henry county, Iowa, April 5, 1884, and is a son of William A. and Fredonia Ann (Newell) Parrott. The father, also a native of Iowa, was born

in Des Moines county, February 17, 1841, a son of William Parrott, who came to this county in the year 1837, accompanied by his wife and his mother. The latter opened and conducted a tavern in Burlington at a period when that city was a tiny hamlet and the Mississippi was practically the highroad of travel to the town. William Parrott took up his abode upon a farm near Burlington that is now known as the Mason place and throughout his remaining days was identified with agricultural pursuits until he retired from active life, spending his last years in the home of his son and namesake.

William A. Parrott was reared to the occupation of farming and always followed that pursuit. After arriving at years of maturity he wedded Fredonia Ann Newell, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Albert and Martha Ann Newell, who came to Des Moines county in the early '40s. Her father was a minister of the Methodist church and one of the first to preach in that denomination in this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Parrott resided in Des Moines and Henry counties and as the years passed they became the parents of five children, one of whom is deceased. The others are: Richard A., an agriculturist of Des Moines county; Flora Lee, who gave her hand in marriage to Frank Williams, a farmer of Des Moines county; Mary F., at home; and Forrest William, of this review.

Spending his youthful days in his parents' home, Forrest William Parrott attended the public schools and in due time was graduated from the high school of Danville. He afterward attended Howe's Academy at Mount Pleasant and Elliott's Business College at Burlington and was thus well trained for the practical and responsible duties of life. During the periods of vacation he engaged in farming until twenty years of age and for one year he taught in a country school. He afterward became a teacher in Elliott's Business College and to that work devoted about four years. In 1908 he became a candidate for the office of county superintendent of schools, won the election and entered upon the duties of the position in 1909. So creditable and satisfactory was his service in that connection that he was reelected and remained in the office for four years. Under his direction the schools made substantial progress and he introduced various improvements contributing to the growth and advancement of the schools. He retired from that position to enter upon the duties of his present office, for in the fall of 1912 he was elected county auditor, taking office in 1913.

On the 8th of May, 1907, Mr. Parrott was united in marriage to Miss Grace H. Van Beek, of Burlington, a daughter of George and

Mary Van Beek, the former a mechanical engineer. Both were natives of Burlington, representing two of the old pioneer families of the city. George Van Beek became a draftsman and mechanical engineer and was also known as an inventor. To Mr. and Mrs. Parrott have been born three children, namely: Helen L., William and Robert.

The religious faith of the family is indicated in their membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Parrott also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, which has been the political faith of the family through many generations. He is a representative in both the paternal and maternal lines of old families of Burlington and his ancestors have been closely associated with the material, intellectual, political, social and moral progress of this part of the state. Their efforts have always been on the side of benefit and improvement and in this respect Forrest William Parrott is a worthy scion of his race. He is fortunate in that he has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished and is happy in that his lines of life have been cast in harmony therewith.

JOHN IBBOTSON.

For sixty-seven years John Ibbotson has made his home upon the farm where he still resides. There is, perhaps, scarcely another in the county who can say the same. He represents one of the old pioneer families, his parents being George and Martha A. (Riggs) Ibbotson, the former born in Yorkshire, England, in 1806, while the latter was born near Lexington, Kentucky, in 1816. The father crossed the Atlantic alone and became a resident of Indiana in 1837. In 1841 he arrived in Des Moines county and was here married, after which he took up his abode upon what has since been known as the old Ibbotson homestead farm, his remaining days being passed thereon. His wife came to Iowa in 1838 with her father, Stephen Riggs, a native of Maryland, who, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Des Moines county, entered land from the government when Iowa was still under territorial rule. He had a family of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, including Martha A., who became the wife of George Ibbotson. Before their marriage Mr. Ibbotson purchased eighty acres of land on section 30, Yellow Springs township, which had been partially developed but no build-

ings or other improvements had been made. He cut poles and built a cabin and fenced his farm with brush, accomplishing much work of this character during the first four or five years in which he occupied the place. For two years he kept bachelor's hall and then married. As time passed on he added to his holdings, extending the boundaries of his farm as opportunity offered until he was the owner of four hundred and eighty acres in the home place and in addition had two quarter sections elsewhere, two eighty acre tracts and one hundred acres in small timber tracts, making a total of ten hundred and sixty acres. He was very generous with his family and gave one-half of this land to his children. In his farming he made a specialty of raising hay and cattle. He never sold feed and in fact had to purchase feed, so extensively did he engage in handling cattle. He died in the year 1894, while his widow, surviving him for a decade, passed away in 1904. In their family were the following named: Martha, now living in Oklahoma; John, of this review; Stephen R., of Los Angeles, California; George, who died at the age of forty years, leaving a widow and four children; Lizzie, who died unmarried; Robert, of Mediapolis; Isaac, who died in childhood; and Abraham Lincoln, who died at the age of eight years.

John Ibbotson has spent his entire life upon the farm in Yellow Springs township which is now his home. He was early trained to the work of the fields and became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. After attaining his majority he concentrated his energies largely upon the raising and feeding of stock, conducting an extensive and successful business along that line until 1912. He is today the owner of four hundred acres of rich and valuable land and has also assisted his children in securing homes. Upon his farm are three good sets of buildings, all of which were erected by him, and the farm gives every evidence of the careful supervision of the practical and progressive owner.

In December, 1871, Mr. Ibbotson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Talbot, who was born in Yellow Springs township in April, 1848, a daughter of Aquila and Emily (Gregory) Talbot, natives of Kentucky and Indiana respectively. They were married in the latter state and about 1840 came to Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Ibbotson are the parents of eight children: Idora, the wife of John Stucker, living on a neighboring farm; Edward, who occupies a part of the old homestead; John F., a resident of Oklahoma; Barbara, the wife of Morris Heizer of Yellow Springs township; Homer, of Ringgold county, Iowa; Leslie, of Yellow Springs township; Harry, who occupies a part of the old homestead; and Eugene Burton, also living

upon the old home farm. All of the children are now married and there are ten grandchildren.

Mr. Ibbotson is a member of the Baptist church of Mediapolis and gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His has been an active and useful life and he has been a witness of much of the growth and development of the county, having for sixty-seven years lived upon the farm which is still his place of residence. Great have been the changes which have occurred in this time. He has lived to see Burlington grow into a great commercial and industrial center, while other towns and villages have sprung up and the work of improvement has been carried steadily forward in keeping with the progressive spirit of the age.

JAMES M. STORRAR.

James M. Storrar is the president of the Iowa Biscuit Company of Burlington, but important and extensive as is this enterprise it does not cover the scope of his activities. He is well known in business circles throughout the middle west and his energy, determination and ambition have carried him into important relations, while his record proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

Mr. Storrar was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, on the 20th of March, 1843, and acquired a public-school education in the land of hills and heather. He became a merchant and broker in Scotland and there remained until 1899, when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, made his way into the interior of the country and settled at Burlington, where he established a merchandise brokerage business which he still conducts. From the beginning success has attended his efforts and he has constantly broadened the scope of his activities. In 1902, he became identified with business interests of Quincy, Illinois, where he also conducts a merchandise brokerage business, and as senior partner in the firm of Storrar & Donald in 1912 he established a similar enterprise at Ottumwa, Iowa, under the firm name of Storrar & McElroy. In November, 1907, he became one of the organizers of the Iowa Biscuit Company of Burlington, which is today one of the chief productive industries of the city. The plant is large and splendidly equipped and employment is given to sixty-five or more people, twenty-five of whom are skilled work-

men. An account of the Iowa Biscuit Company is given on another page in this work.

Mr. Storrar was married to Miss Mary Young, who died in Burlington in 1905. He has fraternal relations with the Elks and the United Commercial Travelers. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and his religious faith is manifest in his membership in the Presbyterian church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home and fortune in the new world, for here he found the business opportunities which he sought and in their utilization has worked his way steadily upward, becoming in the course of years one of the prosperous business men and prominent citizens of Burlington. He is free from ostentation and display but his sterling worth has gained him wide recognition and his fellow townsmen rejoice in his success, knowing how worthily it has been won.

JOHN H. ANDRE.

Burlington has no more highly respected or popular citizen and business man than John H. Andre, who is today the proprietor of one of the oldest mercantile establishments of the city. He possesses in a marked degree the spirit of initiative which leads to progress and, moreover, he has the ability to coordinate seemingly diverse and unattached interests into a harmonious and unified whole. His plans are carefully formulated and promptly executed and the result is success.

Burlington is proud to claim him as a native son. He was born here, March 2, 1853, his parents being P. A. and Catherine (Scheurs) Andre. The name of the father appears upon the list of Burlington's honored dead. He was for many years a leading figure in commercial circles here and his death, which occurred on the 13th of June, 1913, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His life record illustrates what may be accomplished by a young man of foreign birth in this land of opportunity, where advancement is unhampered by caste or class. He was born in Nassau, Prussia, August 22, 1830, and was a youth of eighteen years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. After a brief residence in New Orleans the family proceeded northward to Louisville, Kentucky, and in 1851 arrived in Burlington. In the family were three brothers and one sister. The oldest brother, Chris-



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tian, was an active business man of Burlington for a long period, but in his later life lived retired. George conducted a grocery business in Burlington for many years and later joined the ministry. Because of failing health he went to England and after his return to this country he became a prominent and wealthy banker of Pekin, Illinois, where he lived until his death, highly honored for his personal worth and broad scholarship. P. A. Andre was the next of the family. Catherine is the youngest and is now residing in Burlington.

All three sons learned the shoemaker's trade, but P. A. Andre worked along various lines during the first six years of his residence in Burlington. During that period he carried a hod for the late Simeon Russell, one of the prominent pioneer builders of the city. He also did farm work, clerked in a grocery store and was employed in other ways that would yield him an honest living. In 1857 he became connected with the shoe trade of the city as a clerk in the store of J. M. Caffrey and after five years spent as a salesman he was admitted to a partnership, his excellent business ability and spirit of enterprise having won recognition from his employer. Four years afterward he purchased the interest of Mr. Caffrey in the business and in the half century or more in which he was connected with the house he enjoyed continuous success. The establishment became known as the Green Elk Horn shoe store and is the oldest business house on Jefferson street. The business methods of the house have ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and the commercial honor of P. A. Andre was ever unassailable. As he won success he invested from time to time in property in Burlington until he became the owner of considerable valuable realty. He also made loans on real estate and in that way added materially to an ample fortune. He erected the Andre building, one of the substantial business blocks of Burlington, and in the conduct of his affairs at all times displayed sound business judgment, keen discrimination and unfaltering enterprise. Ere his death a contemporary biographer wrote of him: "His entire active life has been devoted to business exclusively, and the persistency with which he has refused to allow any other interest to distract his attention may be shown by the fact that although he visited Philadelphia and Chicago during the periods of the Centennial and Columbian Expositions, respectively, he did not attend either of them, feeling that other matters were more important, and that his individual responsibility required another and different use of his time. One exception must be cited, however, namely, his earnest and devoted work for the church, the only organization of whatsoever nature in which

he holds membership. The circumstances leading up to the naming of the Green Elk Horn shoe store are interesting in the light of past events and significant facts of American history. It is related that during the days of the great transcontinental rush of pioneers to the unoccupied territory of the far west for purposes of settlement, in which the long journey was commonly made overland by wagon, a family of these travelers, on their return, disappointed and penniless, from the new country to the east, stopped at the Andre store and traded a pair of deer horns for a pair of shoes. These were nailed over the door and later were painted green, hence the name."

In 1852 P. A. Andre was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Scheurs, a native of Albany, New York, of Pennsylvania Dutch parentage. They became the parents of three sons and two daughters. The wife and mother passed away January 18, 1881, and Mr. Andre erected in Aspen Grove cemetery a magnificent mausoleum with a solid cement foundation, granite base and superstructure of Joliet limestone, constructed at a cost of seven thousand dollars.

Mr. Andre survived his wife for almost a third of a century and was then also laid to rest in the Aspen Grove cemetery. For many years he had been a most devoted, earnest and helpful member of the Washington Street German Methodist church, to the support of which he contributed liberally, while for many years he served as class leader and in other offices. He was closely associated with the late John Burg in the building of the present house of worship, and their names are chiseled in the cornerstone. He devoted much of his time for two years to soliciting for the building fund, beside giving most generously himself. His political allegiance was given the republican party from its formation until his demise. His residence, erected by him in 1887 at a cost of eighteen thousand dollars, stood at the corner of Eighth street and Maiden Lane. He was in the eighty-third year of his age when called to his home beyond. His life was as the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, followed by the evening of completed and successful effort and ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night. While he attained notable success, character was to him more than wealth, fame or position. He lived a life that was largely blameless and that won for him the high honor, respect and confidence of the public in an unusual degree. He was honored wherever known and most of all where he was best known.

His son, John H. Andre, spent his youthful days under the parental roof and at the usual age began his education in the public schools. He afterward pursued a commercial course in Bryant &

Stratton Business College that thoroughly qualified him for the duties and responsibilities that later devolved upon him. It was the father's desire that the son should become a railway engineer and to this John H. Andre agreed, but through the force of circumstances he was obliged to become his father's assistant in the shoe store, and it was not long before it was seen that he was particularly well adapted for that line of work. He has in his possession a book which he cherishes very highly—the old ledger of the firm of Caffrey & Andre, dating back to 1859. It contains probably more names of the old settlers and pioneers of Burlington than any other book outside of the courthouse, and a glance at its pages brings to Mr. Andre's mind many reminiscences of the early days. In retrospect he goes back to the time when farmers would visit Burlington and would bring with them a bundle of sticks of different lengths to indicate the measure of the boots and shoes desired by the members of their families. They would come from long distances and would often do their trading late into the night in order to return home as early as possible. After being connected with the store for a time Mr. Andre was made buyer as well as bookkeeper and cashier and also had charge of the advertising for the firm. Following the death of his father in 1913 he purchased the store from the estate. He immediately employed six new young salesmen and a shoemaker and also retained the services of one of the employes who had been in the store for twenty-six years. He changed the whole interior of the store, converting it into one of the finest salesrooms in southeastern Iowa. He is today enjoying a business far greater than the store has done in the past ten years. His establishment is now known as the Andre Elk Horn shoe store and is most liberally patronized. He is a man of keen intellect, is a well trained and far-sighted business man and in all of his dealings has been thoroughly honorable and upright. He counts his friends by the hundreds, and it would be difficult to find a more highly respected or popular resident of the county.

On the 22d of May, 1881, at Wapello, Iowa, Mr. Andre was united in marriage to Miss Emma Griebel, of that place, and they now have an attractive and beautiful home at No. 157 South Eighth street. Mrs. Andre formerly took a very prominent part in church work, serving as organist of the church and as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Andre has long been a stalwart advocate of the republican party and ever keeps thoroughly informed concerning the vital and significant problems of the age. It has been said of him: "John H. Andre is a large man with a heart corre-

spondingly large. There is probably no man in the county who has worked harder and yet who is better preserved physically. He is progressive and is interested in all that stands for the good of the community." He has traveled broadly, having gone north and south, east and west, and from his travels has gained many valuable experiences. For sixty-one years he has been a resident of Burlington, covering the entire period of his life, and his name has become inseparably interwoven with the history of the city and its commercial development. He stands as well for advancement along those lines which upbuild its social, moral and political status, and his influence is always on the side of progress and improvement.

HENRY W. CHITTENDEN.

Henry W. Chittenden as traveling salesman entered into active connection with the house of which he is now the head, being president of the Chittenden-Eastman Company, manufacturers and jobbers of furniture. The business is now one of mammoth proportions, attributable in a large measure to the efforts, discernment and management of Henry W. Chittenden, whose life record proves that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is rather the outcome of clear judgment, experience and indefatigable industry. He was born in Keokuk, Iowa, in 1853, a son of Abram B. and Elizabeth Talcott (Bates) Chittenden. The father arrived in Iowa in the early '40s. He was a native of Guilford, Connecticut, and the mother was also born in that state. Coming to the west, Abram Chittenden engaged in the wholesale grocery business and for some years was prominently identified with commercial interests in Keokuk.

Reared in that city, Henry W. Chittenden acquired a common-school education and afterward read law in Ohio for two years. He came to Burlington in 1874 and the following year entered the employ of Todd, Pollock & Granger, the predecessors of the present Chittenden-Eastman Company. The business had its origin, however, in 1866, in the formation of the firm of H. Bailey & Company, which established a jobbing and retail furniture business in a three-story brick building with a frontage of twenty feet. During the early years the annual jobbing business amounted to about fifteen thousand dollars. With the retirement of Mr. Bailey in 1873 the firm became Todd, Pollock & Granger and it was two years afterward that Henry W. Chittenden entered their employ as a traveling salesman. When

Mr. Todd withdrew from the firm in 1877 Mr. Chittenden was admitted to a partnership under the style of Pollock, Granger & Chittenden and in 1881 this firm was succeeded by Granger & Chittenden and later Mr. Chittenden was alone for a year. On the 1st of January, 1883, he admitted E. P. Eastman to a partnership. The latter had been bookkeeper in the house from 1877 and was well qualified to assume more active relations. Under the name of Chittenden & Eastman the business was continued until July 1, 1899, when articles of incorporation were taken out under the name of the Chittenden-Eastman Company, the two senior partners being joined in the organization by a number of the older employes of the house who occupied positions in the office and upon the road. It has always been the policy of the firm to recognize faithfulness on the part of employes and thus it was when the opportunity offered that some of the oldest and most reliable became stockholders in the concern.

Something of the development of the business may be indicated in the fact that the sales originally amounted to about fifteen thousand dollars annually but now bring in a return of nearly two million dollars. The growth has been continuous and substantial and the house enjoys a most enviable reputation among its customers and among the manufacturers from whom they purchase goods not made in the Burlington plant. Each department has at its head a member of the company who is especially interested in that line and there is a friendly rivalry to see who can make the best showing. They issue a catalogue of about seven hundred pages, ten by fourteen inches, in which are shown the most complete and best selling lines of goods that can possibly be brought together by men of long experience in manufacturing and buying with the advantage of ample capital and an enormous outlet for goods. Their motto has ever been "the best goods for the money." The company manufactures an exceedingly tasteful and well made line of upholstered goods, for which they have won an enviable reputation. No factory in the country can excel their mattress department, for the building has been especially designed for the purpose for which it is used and is perfect in its convenience and sanitary arrangements. Carrying an immense stock on hand, the company is ready to meet any order at almost a moment's notice. Within twenty-four hours after an order is received shipment is oftentimes made. The house is today recognized as the world's largest furniture distributors. The plant covers a large acreage and most of the buildings are five stories in height. They have an extensive selling force and they employ skilled and competent workmen, while each department is under the care of capable man-

agers. At the head of the credit department is R. J. Cowles; of the mail order department, C. J. Schenck; of the chair department, E. G. Disque; of the sales department, W. H. Plock; of the upholstery and mattress department, H. C. Jordan and C. A. Duffy. The officers of the company are: H. W. Chittenden, president; E. P. Eastman, vice president; W. B. Eaton, secretary; R. S. Schramm, treasurer; and H. Roberts, auditor.

Aside from his connection with commercial activities of Burlington as head of the Chittenden-Eastman Company Mr. Chittenden is interested in several wholesale houses, also in the water company and in various banks. In fact, he is one of the most prominent business men of the city.

In 1881 Mr. Chittenden was married to Miss Caroline Sherfey, of Burlington, a daughter of J. M. Sherfey and a granddaughter of E. D. Rand, who was one of the oldest settlers and most prominent citizens here. Mr. and Mrs. Chittenden have become the parents of four sons and a daughter: Abram B., who is now associated in business with his father; Mary; Herbert S.; Henry W.; and Talcott Bates.

Mr. Chittenden is a member of the Golf Club, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and of the Commercial Club. In politics he is a republican, but his interest in political affairs is manifested only in his familiarity with the leading issues and his indorsement of the same at the polls. It can be readily seen that his time has been fully taken up with the direction of the mammoth concern of which he is now at the head and which is known as one of the most important productive industries of the state. Through its development he has largely promoted the material prosperity of Burlington, furnishing employment to many, and the policy which he pursues toward employes and patrons has largely made this a model establishment.

GEORGE C. HENRY.

Among Burlington's prominent citizens is George C. Henry, a leading druggist and capitalist and a well known figure in political and in boating circles. As indicated, his interests have been wide and varied, and he is a splendid representative of American manhood and chivalry. He was born on the 1st of August, 1851, in the city where he still resides, a son of Dr. Greenbury and Kate (Chambers) Henry. The father was a son of Dr. John Flournoy and Lucy

Stringer (Ridgely) Henry, who were married in Kentucky on the 1st of January, 1828. Dr. John F. Henry served as a surgeon in the War of 1812 under Colonel Boswell, of Kentucky, and won distinction not only in military, but also in political, circles and left the impress of his individuality upon the progress and development of two states. Ere leaving Kentucky he was elected a member of Congress from Christian county in 1827 and was connected with the constructive legislation of that period. In the early '40s he came to Burlington and opened an office, continuing in the practice of his chosen profession in this city until his death.

His son, Dr. Greenbury Henry, followed in the footsteps of his father, whether influenced thereto by natural predilection, environment or inherited tendency it is difficult to say, but at all events his choice of a profession was a wise one as he came to rank among the leading physicians of the city. He was graduated from the University Medical College at Louisville, Kentucky, with the class of 1849. On the 16th of October of the following year he was married and established his home in Burlington, where he continued active in the practice of medicine to the time of his death, which occurred on the 14th of May, 1885. Endowed by nature with keen mentality, he used his talents wisely and well and won a place in the foremost ranks of his profession.

Well descended and well bred, the opportunities afforded George C. Henry were such as have called forth his native talents and powers. He is an alumnus of the University of Michigan, having been there graduated in 1874 on the completion of the pharmaceutical course, whereby he gained the Ph. G. degree. Returning to Burlington, he has since been identified with the drug business and occupies a position of prominence in this connection. However, he now devotes much time to travel and has made various transcontinental and transatlantic trips, in fact he has made a tour around the world, visiting many points of modern, historic and scenic interest in Asia as well as in Europe, gaining thereby the broad experience and liberal culture which only travel can bring.

On the 5th of April, 1899, Mr. Henry was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt (Selden) Ensley, of Memphis, Tennessee, who by her former marriage had two children. Mr. Henry is well known in social, military and political circles. He served as colonel on the staff of the Iowa governor during the period of the Spanish-American war and was a lieutenant in the Fourth and Second Army Corps until the close of hostilities. He holds many medals won in the Burlington Boating Association contests, and he gives his political allegiance to

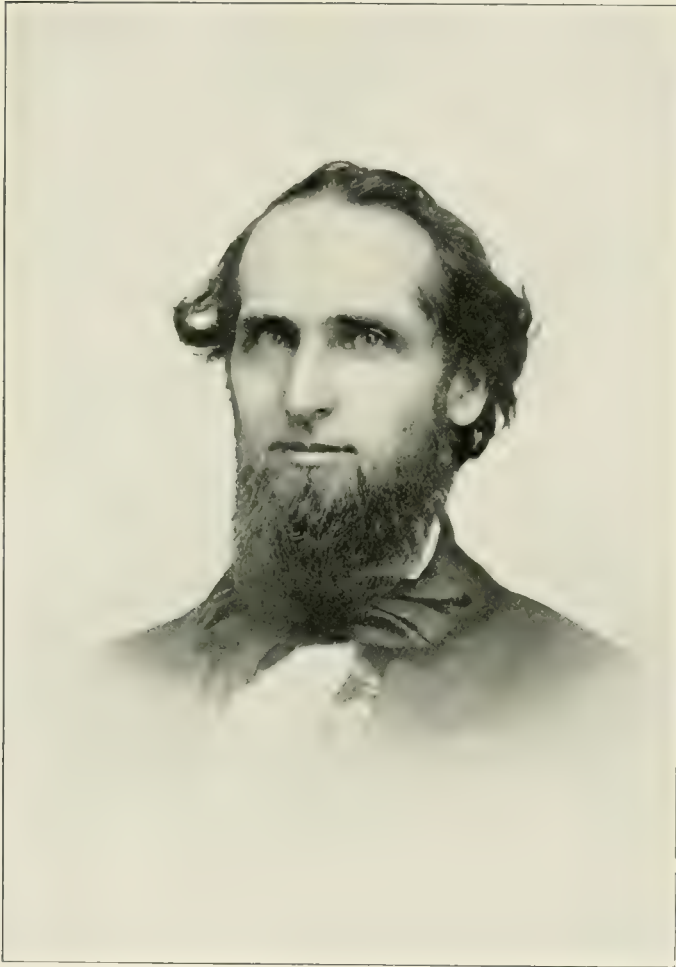
the democratic party. He is typically American in his interests, his activities and in his progressive spirit. While necessity does not press him to that strenuous activity in business which actuates many men, he is constantly on the alert to accomplish some purpose and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

JOHN LAHEE.

Those qualities which in every land and every clime awaken confidence and respect found expression in the life of John Lahee, a man of many sterling traits of character. He held to high ideals and guided his actions by honorable purpose and thus when death called him he left behind him a memory that should serve as an inspiration to his family and all who knew him.

A native of New York, he was born at Martinsburg, Lewis county, May 7, 1820, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, Timothy Lahee, was born in the northern part of Ireland in 1795 and came to the new world as a British soldier during the War of 1812. He became interested in America and her people, however, and continued on this side of the Atlantic, remaining in the Empire state until his death. He there married Catherine Buck, who was born in 1796 and passed away in 1846. She was the eldest daughter of Elijah Buck, a farmer of Lewis county, New York, and descended from Dutch ancestors who settled in Washington county, New York, prior to the Revolutionary war. His father, Elijah Buck, Sr., was once the owner of the township of Harrisburg, Lewis county, which he named in honor of his friend, Governor Harris, of New York.

John Lahee pursued his education in the schools of Martinsburg and in Yale Academy and later became a law student in the office of D. M. Bennett, of Martinsburg, thus qualifying for the practice of law, upon which he entered at Rome, New York, in 1849. He built up a good practice during several years of his connection with the profession there, but on the 19th of December, 1852, he arrived in Burlington, having come to the west through the influence of a relative who was superintendent of the Wells Fargo stage lines and post routes between Burlington and the Missouri river. Mr. Lahee began dealing in real estate and in 1854 entered into partnership with W. R. Brown. Their business prospered because of the rapid growth of the town, owing to the construction of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway. In 1858, however, owing to the great financial



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panic of the previous year, land began to depreciate in value and at that time Mr. Lahee accepted the agency for the Continental Insurance Company of New York, the first company from that state to operate in Burlington. Although he still continued to give some attention to the real estate and loan business, he concentrated his efforts and energies more and more largely upon insurance and in 1868 he was one of the organizers of The Republic Insurance Company of Chicago, of which he was a prominent stockholder, and was one of its most earnest promoters. The business was successfully conducted until the great Chicago fire in 1871. He was in partnership with the late Judge Phelps from 1871 to 1875 and during that period promoted, organized and was the first stockholder of the German-American Savings Bank of Burlington, of which he was made assistant cashier and one of the directors. He contributed much toward the establishment of the bank upon a safe and substantial basis and remained in the office for two years. He was an expert on real-estate values and a good judge of human nature, and the bank never had to call in a single loan that he passed upon favorably. In matters of citizenship he stood at all times for progress and advancement and during the period of the Civil war proved his loyalty to the country by assisting W. D. Gilbert in equipping an artillery company known as the Fletcher or First Iowa Battery, which did notable service on southern battlefields, especially at Pea Ridge.

Mr. Lahee was always greatly interested in the political questions and issues of the day and in early life gave his allegiance to the democratic party. In 1840 the writings of Horace Greeley, editor of the New York Tribune, converted him to the political creed of the whig party and upon its dissolution and the formation of the new republican party he joined its ranks and was a delegate from Des Moines county to the first republican convention held in Iowa, the meeting taking place at Iowa City in 1854. Upon the organization of the party in the state in 1856 he was chosen a member of the congressional committee from the first district, at once assuming a position of leadership in partisan councils. He gave the most earnest effort and thought to the cause and contributed much to its growth. In 1860 he was elected clerk of the district court of Des Moines county, being the first republican in this county elected to any office. In this connection a contemporary writer has said: "His interest in the workings of practical politics continued for a long period, and he lived to serve the party over whose infancy he had watched in many a convention hall and post of honor. He was a man of strong

and determined character, frank, open and above board as far as is consistent with the care of complicated and delicate interests, and commanded universal admiration, while the cordiality and amiability of his disposition won him the friendship of the majority of those with whom he was personally acquainted."

On the 6th of December, 1856, Mr. Lahee wedded Miss Ellen F. House, of Rome, New York, whose grandfather was one of the Life Guards of General Washington. Mrs. Lahee was educated at Miss Willard's Academy at Utica, New York, and the Troy Female Seminary of Troy, New York. Four children were born to this marriage, John Stillman and Effie Frances, a graduate of Vassar College, being the surviving members of the family. The death of the mother occurred July 7, 1908, while Mr. Lahee passed away October 2, 1900. As one of the pioneer residents of the city, he had contributed largely to its upbuilding and development, wisely utilizing his time, talents and opportunities, and thus he won a substantial measure of success. Never did he sacrifice honor and good name to the attainment of a competence, and his record is indeed one well worthy of emulation.

F. BELL HUNT.

F. Bell Hunt, who is the proprietor of The Feed Yard, Burlington, has been a resident of the city since 1913 but for many years before was actively identified with agricultural interests in this county and is a representative of one of its pioneer families.

Mr. Hunt was born in Burlington, March 15, 1860, a son of William Claybourne Hunt, whose birth occurred in Bond county, Illinois, on the 27th of June, 1818. The father came to Burlington in 1833, being one of the first residents here, there being only two log cabins on the site of the present city at the time of his arrival. Iowa was not organized as a territory at that time and the most farsighted could not have dreamed of the changes which would be wrought, making this one of the leading cities of a great state. He purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres and with characteristic energy began to break the sod and till the fields, living upon that place until 1901, when he sold his property and removed to Burlington. He died in January, 1911, at the venerable age of ninety-two years. In early manhood he had wedded Ann Smith, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1820 and was thirteen years of age when

she came to the United States with her parents, who settled near Burlington, where they owned a large farm, a part of which is still the property of F. Bell Hunt. The mother also reached the very advanced age of ninety-two years, passing away in July, 1913. In the family were eight children, five of whom survive: William A., a resident of Burlington; Mattie and Charles C., who live in Cuba, Illinois; John, a dentist residing in Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and F. Bell of this review. There are few families in the county that have been so long connected with the development of this section of the state. The father was personally acquainted with Black Hawk and Keokuk, two of the most famous Indian chiefs residing in the middle west. He lived to witness remarkable changes, for the Indians ceased to be the occupants of the country and their wigwams were replaced by the cabins of the pioneers. These in turn gave way before the more commodious and substantial but no more hospitable homes of the farmer and townsman as the work of advancement and progress was carried forward.

F. Bell Hunt attended the district school near his father's farm, the little temple of learning having been built on land that belonged to his grandfather, and his father also went to school there. The building was constructed of logs after the primitive manner of the times and its furnishings were equally crude. F. Bell Hunt continued to attend school until about eighteen years of age and his last terms were spent in the old Baptist school. He remained upon the home farm with his father until forty-one years of age, when the property was sold to C. E. Perkins, in whose employ Mr. Hunt remained for six years. In 1913 he came to Burlington and purchased his present business, conducted under the name of The Feed Yard. He is meeting with success in this undertaking, having been accorded a liberal patronage.

In October, 1895, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Fullerton, of Burlington, who was educated in the schools of this city while spending her girlhood days in the home of her father, Nixon Fullerton, one of the pioneers of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have become the parents of three children: Nixon Claybourne, eighteen years of age; Frances Grey, fifteen years of age; and Robert Bell, aged twelve. The two younger children are pupils in the high school of Burlington, while Claybourne is a student in the Episcopal school at Knoxville, Illinois. The parents are members of the Episcopal church and Mr. Hunt exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party. He is fond of outdoor sports and takes great delight in a fine saddle

horse. For almost fifty-five years he has lived in this county and has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred as time has passed and man has wrought continuously along the lines of development and improvement.

JOHN M. MERCER.

John M. Mercer, a member of the Des Moines county bar, was born in Kewanee, Illinois, August 28, 1858, and has been a resident of Burlington, Iowa, since May, 1859. He was a pupil in the public schools of Burlington, afterward graduated from Allen's Business College, and became a student of the law in the office of Newman & Blake, then well known attorneys of Burlington. In June, 1880, he graduated with the degree of LL. B. from the law department of the State University of Iowa, and was licensed to practice in the United States district and circuit courts for Iowa and the supreme and other courts of the state.

In September, 1880, he established a law office in Burlington and later was associated as partner with Samuel K. Tracy, then general solicitor of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway Company, and upon the retirement of Mr. Tracy from the partnership, he associated George S. Tracy with him, continuing the firm name Tracy & Mercer, as before. In 1891 Mr. Mercer was appointed solicitor for the city, which office he held for two terms with credit to himself and advantage to the city. During this period he made his first oral argument in the supreme court of Iowa, in the Water Works Company case, wherein a decision favorable to the city was handed down. In June, 1904, his son, Herbert M. Mercer, also a graduate of the legal department of the State University of Iowa with degree of LL. B., became associated with him under the style of Mercer & Mercer, which continues. The subject of this sketch has proved himself to be an able lawyer, a wise and careful counselor and a forceful, capable advocate. As attorney and financially he is connected with a number of business enterprises.

In paternal and maternal line Mr. Mercer is of Scotch-Irish lineage. His father, William Mercer, was born near Listullycurran, in the parish of Dromore, County Down, Ireland, September 23, 1828, and when a lad of twelve years came to America with his parents, John Mercer, born October 10, 1800, died December 15, 1878, and

Eliza (Murphy) Mercer, born November 18, 1796, died September 15, 1858, who established their home at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, later removing west to Henry county, Illinois, where they settled upon a farm known as Virginia or Lost Grove, near Kewanee. William Mercer learned the painter's trade while in Allegheny. In 1867 he entered the employ of the then Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company at Burlington, Iowa. With the exception of about three years spent on the Pacific coast during the gold rush of the '60s he was a resident of Burlington from 1858 until his life labors were ended by death April 4, 1890. By virtue of faithful, intelligent service he was promoted to the head of the locomotive painting department at Burlington. He was a member of Washington Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., and a past noble grand. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Chambers Miller, and she was born February 3, 1831, near Downpatrick, in County Down, Ireland, and was a maiden of thirteen at the time of coming to the United States. She died at Burlington, April 29, 1909, the mother of eight children. She and her husband held membership in the United Presbyterian church, but in later years they and all of their children, save John M., became members of the Episcopal church.

John M. Mercer was married February 23, 1881, to Jennie M. Bernard, born September 17, 1860, at Burlington where she was reared. She has the distinguished honor of having nine ancestors in direct line of lineage, who served in the war for independence and she and her daughters are members of the Stars and Stripes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her father was Cornelius Bernard, born July 5, 1804, died July 15, 1887. He was one of the early settlers of Des Moines county, arriving about 1839, and with the passing years he was closely connected with the agricultural and financial development of the community. He aided financially in the development of the street railway system of Burlington and of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Missouri and Burlington & North Western Railways, leading out of the city to the north and in later years was a retired capitalist. He was a substantial citizen of the Vermont type and left the impress of his individuality and sterling qualities upon the history of this section of the state. He was twice married, first to Miss Root, and second to Martha M. White, born January 17, 1832, near Grafton, Vermont, died June 8, 1910. Mrs. Mercer was one of her daughters. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Mercer are the parents of three sons and one daughter: Herbert Miller, born December 27, 1881; Harry Bernard, born June 6, 1883; Ralph Paul, born November 6, 1884; and Jane Annette, born August 18, 1888.

Mr. Mercer, the subject of this sketch, gives political allegiance to the democratic party because of a firm belief in its basic principles, and has been an active, effective worker in its highest interests. He has filled public offices as follows: clerk of Burlington township four years; surveyor of customs, port of Burlington, four years during Cleveland's first administration; city clerk, eight years; and city solicitor, two years. He is a member of Iowa Camp, No. 98, Modern Woodmen of America and has repeatedly represented the county camp in the state camp, and the state camp in the national camp. He also has membership with the Royal Neighbors of America and the Fraternal Union of America. He was a charter member of the Elks Lodge No. 84 and was a member of Flint Hills Lodge, No. 39, K. P. He is a member of the Baptist denomination and now and during the past fifteen years has been the moderator of the Burlington Baptist Association. For some twenty years he has been trustee, and for some fifteen years has been a deacon of the Walnut Street Baptist church. For many years he was a trustee and for several years the secretary of the Burlington Institute and a trustee of Des Moines College, and a member of the state board and of various committees of the denominational state work. It will thus be seen that his activity has extended along beneficial lines into the political, intellectual and religious fields of activity and his work has been an element for progress in this connection as well as in his profession.

C. F. WEBER.

C. F. Weber is engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business in Burlington and also is interested in agricultural affairs in this county, owning and cultivating an excellent tract of land not far from the city. He was born in Burlington, June 11, 1864, and was educated in the public schools, but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited as he began to earn his own living when but ten years of age. He was first employed in a brickyard, where he spent two years, after which he secured a position at the old wheel factory, where he remained for a number of years, working his way gradually upward as he mastered the tasks intrusted to him and proved his capability to assume added responsibilities and duties. At the end of that time he was employed by the Burlington & Northwestern Railroad Company, continuing in that service for two and one-half years, and in 1884 he embarked in the liquor business on his own account.

He has been located at the same place for twenty-six years and he sells both to the wholesale and retail trades, in which connection he has secured a large patronage. He also carries on farming and is the owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres of land near Burlington, north of the city, which is operated on shares. On the place is a fine country residence and stock-raising is made a feature of the business.

Mr. Weber was united in marriage to Miss Ada M. Fishback, of Burlington. They are members of the First Evangelical church and Mr. Weber belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Carthage Lake Fishing Club and the Auto Club, associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and his recreation. He has depended upon his own resources from the age of ten years and his success is the direct result of persistent, earnest labor carefully directed.

WALTER B. EATON.

With the manufacturing interests of Burlington the name of Walter B. Eaton is now closely associated, for he is secretary of the Chittenden-Eastman Company. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, July 6, 1863, a son of S. Dwight and Gertrude (Williams) Eaton, who were married in Burlington in the year 1858. The father was a native of Framingham, Massachusetts, and in early life learned civil engineering, which profession he made his life work. He came to Iowa in 1856 and built the Des Moines Valley Railroad. During the period of the Civil war he was in the employ of the government, having charge of the transportation of troops and superintending the operation of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad for the government. Following the close of the war he became a large railroad contractor, conducting a most important business of that character.

In 1878 Mr. Eaton came to Burlington and from this point superintended his business affairs. He was connected with railroad construction in various localities and was thus with the advance guard of civilization, for the railroad is always the forerunner of settlement and development in the west. For twenty-one years Mr. Eaton continued his residence in Burlington and was then called to his final rest in 1899. His wife passed away January 1, 1900, and was laid to rest by his side in the Burlington cemetery. She was a daughter of Silas Williams, one of the pioneer settlers of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Eaton were people of the highest respectability, both being

loyal and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Eaton gave his political support to the republican party. To them were born two sons and a daughter: William D.; Walter B., of this review; and Anna, also residing in Burlington.

Walter B. Eaton was a public-school pupil in Burlington, passing through consecutive grades of the high school, and in 1881, when a youth of eighteen years, he entered the employ of the Chittenden-Eastman Company. Gradually he worked his way upward in that connection, proving his worth in his ability and fidelity, and eventually, upon the incorporation of the company, he was made a member of the firm and has since been its secretary. He is bending his energies to administrative direction and executive control, and not a little of the success of the enterprise in recent years has been attributable to his efforts, his keen discernment and his unfaltering energy.

While Mr. Eaton occupies a prominent position in business circles he is equally well known in the club life of the city, holding membership in the Golf Club, the Shoquoquon Boat Club and in various fishing and shooting clubs. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he votes independently, supporting men and measures rather than party. Progress and patriotism might be termed the keynote of his character. He believes in advancement along all the lines which affect the general interests of society as well as in connection with individual affairs. He seizes an opportunity eagerly, watches for chances to improve conditions and by reason of his determination and energy has worked his way steadily upward.

PETER HALVOR CHRISTENSEN.

Peter Halvor Christensen is the superintendent of the Aspen Grove cemetery and the beauty of this "silent city" is attributable largely to his capable direction and his understanding of how to produce the best effects in landscape gardening. He is one of Burlington's self-made men and has worked his way steadily upward since starting out in the business world on his own account. At the beginning he had no capital but industry and determination have enabled him to overcome obstacles and difficulties and steadily advance.

Mr. Christensen was born in Hjörning, Denmark, September 20, 1866, a son of F. W. and Emilie Theodora Amalie (Björneboe) Christensen. The father, who was born in Denmark, July 29, 1840,



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passed away when about seventy years of age. He had been engaged extensively in the undertaking and furniture business. His wife, who was born September 5, 1843, died about the same time as her husband. They were life-long residents of Denmark and there they reared their family. They had twelve children, of whom five died in infancy. The others were: Peter Halvor, of this review; Frederick and Catherine, both of Denmark; Karl, deceased; Wilhelm, who follows merchandising near Copenhagen; Frederica, who resides in Denmark, and Marie.

Peter H. Christensen was educated in the public schools of his native country and in the high school, where he studied several languages. He came to America in 1890, making his way direct to Burlington, Iowa, where he arrived on the 8th of April, having crossed the Atlantic on the Dominion line. This was much against his parents' wishes, but he felt that the new world would offer him better opportunities for rapid advancement. He brought with him very little money. For a few days he worked at street paving under George Kreichbaum but became ill with diphtheria. After recovering he secured a good position in the paint department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops at West Burlington, there remaining for about six years. On the expiration of that period he entered the employ of the Unterkircher Burial & Embalming Company in the capacity of general bookkeeper. While connected with that company he learned embalming and took a course in Clark's School of Embalming, receiving his diploma April 8, 1898. He was a successful embalmer and funeral director through the next ten years and while with the Unterkircher Company he had charge of some three thousand cases of embalming. He advanced steadily in the employ of that company until he became general manager, and his value in connection with the business was widely recognized by those whom he represented.

On the first of February, 1907, Mr. Christensen was elected by the board of control of Burlington as superintendent of the Aspen Grove Cemetery Association, in which connection he has rendered notable service to the public in making this one of the most beautiful cemeteries of the middle west. Between the first of February, 1907, and August 22, 1914, he superintended two thousand four hundred and sixty-five interments. He has in his service seven men throughout the year and a greater number in the summer season, when it is possible to cultivate the flowers, shrubs and trees which make Aspen Grove so beautiful. The cemetery has improved one hundred fold under his management. He has put in much tiling, many gutters and thus

improved the drainage system and he has added thirty acres to the grounds. The cemetery association built a beautiful residence adjoining the cemetery in 1909 and Mr. Christensen there resides. He owns a residence property elsewhere in the city, which he rents. Mr. Christensen is not only a man of excellent business ability, as displayed in the control and management of the cemetery, but is a fine penman and his books are indeed a thing of beauty.

On the 11th of March, 1890, in Aalborg, Denmark, the oldest city of that country, Mr. Christensen was united in marriage to Miss Ida Pauline Petersen, who was born in Denmark, June 24, 1872. Her father died during her early girlhood and her mother afterward became the wife of P. C. Cortsen, who lived in Aalborg and died at the age of seventy-one years. By her first marriage she had two children: Mrs. Christensen; and Valdemar, a prominent contractor of Viborg, Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen have become the parents of four children, all born in Burlington: Ethel Theodora Amalie, who was born November 21, 1892; Mildred Ranghild, July 2, 1897; Leverne Alice Margarth, January 8, 1906; and George Lambert Halvor, December 22, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen are widely and favorably known in Burlington, their sterling worth gaining for them high regard. Mr. Christensen is a democrat in politics but usually votes for the best man. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the lodge, the chapter, the council, the commandery and the Shrine. His many excellent traits of character, his business ability, the enterprise with which he has worked his way upward from a humble position in the business world to one of prominence have all combined to make him one of the respected citizens of Burlington.

REV. P. HILARY.

Rev. P. Hilary, pastor of St. John's Catholic church of Burlington, was born in Wardasine, Austria, on the 19th of January, 1866, and is a son of Marcus Rosenfeld, who was a rabbi of the Jewish church. He attended the public schools, pursuing a gymnasium course, which is equivalent to the high-school course of this country. He also graduated from a commercial college and he became a merchant in Prague. After reaching the age of eighteen years he resumed his studies and became a Jewish rabbi, being made pastor of a congregation at Cham, Bavaria, when nineteen years of age. There he

served for two and one-half years. During that period he began to investigate the Catholic religion, was converted thereto and was baptized in the church on the 18th of October, 1887, the same year as Rev. Father Newman. The vicar general, Dr. Leidner, who had instructed him, acted as his sponsor at his baptism. The next day he was confirmed by the bishop and, crossing the Atlantic, made his way direct to St. Benedict's Monastery at Atchison, Kansas, where he studied for the priesthood, to which he was ordained on the 22d of December, 1895. His mother also died in the Catholic faith and he has a sister who embraced the faith and who is now a famous writer of Austria.

After taking holy orders Father Hilary was assigned to St. John's church at Burlington, where he remained as assistant for seven years. He was then transferred to St. Peter's church at Council Bluffs as assistant priest and afterward was assistant at St. Benedict's church in Kansas City, Kansas. In April, 1909, he returned to Burlington and has since been assistant priest of St. John's church. He is the only Jewish rabbi in the United States who has become a Catholic priest. He has done excellent work for his church during his connection with St. John's, his labors being a strong supporting influence to Father Benno, who is priest of this church.

A. L. AND ELLA J. HAWKSWORTH.

A. L. and Ella J. Hawksworth are the owners of the Arts-Crafts Shop of Burlington. The former was born in this city, June 24, 1874, a son of Lionel and Margaret (Bowser) Hawksworth, natives of England and of Pennsylvania respectively. The father was born in 1832 and when a young man came to the United States. He made the journey westward to Burlington by water and after taking up his abode in this city was employed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company until he retired from active business several years ago. He and his wife occupy their home at 2003 Madison avenue. In the family were five children, two sons and three daughters, who are yet living.

A. L. Hawksworth acquired a public-school education, supplementing the work of the grades by two years' study in the high school. When he was about sixteen years of age he put aside his text-books and began working for his brother, who was engaged in the confec-

tionery business. He spent a year in that connection, after which he entered the employ of the Granite Brick Company of Cascade, Iowa, with which he remained for eight years. At the end of that time he became connected with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company in the bridge department and was employed in that way until he opened his present business in connection with his sister, Ella J. Hawksworth, who has charge of the art department. She was born in Burlington, August 30, 1867, and was educated in the schools of this city. She took up the study of art and afterward pursued a special art course in china painting in Chicago. She taught china painting in the Institute College here and is known as an expert, especially in this line of work, displaying marked talent. The brother and sister opened their store in October, 1907, beginning first in a small way, Miss Hawksworth teaching an art class while her brother handled the business. They carry artists' materials and various kinds of arts and crafts work and now have an extensive stock. They also sell fancy art goods and do picture-framing. Miss Hawksworth gives instruction in that line as well as in painting and other branches of art and she has a large class, while her work is known not only throughout Iowa but throughout the middle west. Theirs is one of the attractive establishments of the city and a visit thereto is a pleasure to all who are interested in fine art work, including anything which comes under the name of arts and crafts work.

Miss Hawksworth is a member of the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Hawksworth is independent, voting for the men and measures he thinks most likely to subserve the best interests of all the people.

THOMAS STIVERS.

The name of Thomas Stivers was long associated with the publication of the Burlington Daily Gazette. Moreover, it was a name dear to the hearts of all who knew him, for he had the happy faculty of winning and retaining friends. That he was everywhere known as "Tom" was no indication of familiarity, but the expression of real brotherly regard and appreciation for his good qualities on the part of those who knew him. He was regarded by his colleagues and contemporaries rather as a brother than as a friend, and all who knew him bore testimony to his sterling manhood, his integrity and his loyalty.

Mr. Stivers was a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Pomeroy, September 4, 1848. The entire period of his youth was spent in his native state. He was a resident of Middleport, Ohio, at the time of his marriage, which was there celebrated on the 16th of August, 1870, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah Frances Metcalf. Again and again stories concerning the opportunities of the west reached him and with the hope of enjoying better advantages beyond the Mississippi, Mr. Stivers left his old home and friends in Ohio and made his way to Kansas, where he entered heartily into the spirit of the country and took ready advantage of the opportunities that presented themselves. In his business career he advanced step by step because of the wise use which he made of his time and talents, proving his worth in every relation. Eventually he became owner of the Atchison Patriot, which he successfully conducted for a considerable period. He afterward went to Leavenworth, Kansas, and was the builder of a street car line in that city. On the 1st of July, 1887, Mr. Stivers came to Burlington and purchased the Burlington Gazette, which was then published on Washington street, between Main and Third streets. After a year he purchased the interest of his brother, Henry Stivers, who had been his partner in his ownership of the paper, and assumed sole control. He thereafter bent his energies entirely upon the development of the paper, maintaining a keen interest in its affairs and the direction of its policies.

At the time of his death it was said editorially of him: "Mr. Stivers was a lover of Burlington and it occupied a first place in his affections. He never tired of extolling its virtues, editorially and in person, and aimed to make the Gazette its champion at all times. He was ready and cordial with his sanction of every project of public benefit. He foresaw big possibilities for the city and took pride in every step of progress. He was accorded the satisfaction of viewing the culmination of many of his fondest expectations, and the fact that he had contributed in some degree to this growth and prosperity afforded him profound satisfaction. Mr. Stivers was a man of energy and initiative and a tireless worker in any cause undertaken by him. He had a true idea of the mission of a newspaper; to make it a publication for all the people."

To Mr. and Mrs. Stivers were born two children, a son, George A. Stivers, now surviving. A daughter, Mrs. Caroline Urania Coffin, born in Doniphan, Kansas, March 7, 1872, passed away November 23, 1899. Mr. Stivers was devoted to the welfare of his family, finding his greatest happiness in promoting the interests of wife and children. One of the predominant traits of his character was his love of

little children, with whose interests and pleasures he had the keenest sympathy. He enjoyed to the full their company and they recognized his deep sympathy.

Mr. Stivers was recognized as one of the forceful factors in bringing about democratic successes in Iowa, Judge Wade saying of him that: "The value of his work in the cause cannot be over-estimated." His acquaintance was extensive throughout the state, and wherever he was known he had friends. The Saturday Evening Post wrote of him: "In the passing of Mr. Stivers to another world, Burlington loses one of her foremost citizens and a man who was of great value to the community in many ways. At the time of his death he had been for twenty-six years the publisher of the Burlington Gazette. It is not an undue compliment to say that he fit well in the place and that he gave the community in efficient and loyal service far more than he received. Mr. Stivers was a man of great energy and ability and did not stint his work or his genius in building up the fine daily newspaper which remains as a monument to him. He was very loyal to Burlington, and was constant and earnest in his labors for the advancement of the city industrially, commercially and in a social way. Mr. Stivers was universally esteemed in his home community. His qualities of head and heart were so great and royal that when it came to enlisting lifelong friends they were irresistible. He goes to his long rest both loved and mourned by the entire community."

The Davenport Democrat said editorially: "The death of Thomas Stivers of Burlington removes an Iowa publisher who for more than a quarter of a century had been a genial and courteous and always sincere member of the newspaper circle in Iowa. That they are to see him no more will be a matter of regret to all those who have touched elbows with him in the course of newspaper work in the state during that period." Another wrote: "He was an able, well informed, level-headed political editor, of splendid judgment, keen foresight and a courageous champion of the political principles of his party." From the Iowa City Republican comes this: "The death of Thomas Stivers, editor and publisher of the Burlington Gazette, removes one of the forceful Iowa men. He had energy and convictions and they were controlling factors in his newspaper management. He had been at the head of the Gazette for twenty-five years. His son, George, who has been actively identified with the business, becomes the editor."

Perhaps the strongest element in the life of Thomas Stivers was his humanity. He was thoroughly human. He always stood for progress in his city as well as in newspaper publication, and there may

be cited many tangible evidences of the assistance which he rendered. The Fort Madison Democrat said: "Tom Stivers was one of the most successful newspaper publishers in Iowa, but it is not on that success his many friends throughout the state and at his home will dwell when thinking of Tom—they will think of the man himself. Everybody who knew him called him Tom—he was that sort of a man—he liked to be called by the familiar appellation. He loved his friends and was loved by them and wanted to be Tom to them the same as they were Will and Charlie and Sam to him. He was of that nature that broke down undue ceremony between friends and welcomed reasonable familiarity. That was his great charm. Meeting him and becoming his friend was a delight that continued with each succeeding meeting. And he was dependable—always. The newspaper fraternity of Iowa has by his death lost one of its best known and best loved members. Memory of him will long fragrantly linger in their hearts."

GEORGE W. ELLIOTT.

The name of George W. Elliott is written large on the pages not only of Burlington's, but of Iowa's, history. There are few men who have had such a direct influence upon business conditions and upon moral progress as did Mr. Elliott, the founder and promoter of Elliott's Business College. In the school which he established and conducted he held to the highest standards of efficiency, and at the same time was guiding the development of the young along lines which fitted them for all the responsibilities and duties of life, as well as for activity in commercial fields. There are many who acknowledge their indebtedness to him for the stimulus and impetus which he gave them, resulting in a reaching out toward the higher, better things of life.

Mr. Elliott was born in Rochester, New York, September 19, 1843, and lacked but five days of reaching the age of seventy years when he passed away. His boyhood was largely spent in Ilion, Herkimer county, New York, and when his education was completed he became his father's assistant in a transportation business on the Erie canal. He was still a young man in his teens at the time of the inauguration of hostilities between the north and the south. His patriotic spirit was strongly aroused and he enlisted for service with the Forty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which was assigned

to the Army of the Potomac and was on active duty in many hotly contested battles. Several times he was wounded, but recovered from his injuries. He participated in the three days' engagement at Gettysburg and it was his visit to the reunion held upon that battlefield that hastened his death a half century later. For almost four years he was in the army, returning to his home with a most creditable military record, and never in after life did he waver in the slightest degree in the loyalty which he gave to his country.

After the war Mr. Elliott was employed for a time by John Wanamaker, the millionaire merchant of New York and Philadelphia, and it was his experience in that direction that probably awakened in him a desire to become a teacher of commercial methods. His first activity in that field was his connection with the famous Soule College of Philadelphia. Later he went to Chicago, and thence came to Burlington in 1879, at which time he was a member of the faculty of Bryant & Stratton Commercial College of Chicago.

A desire to conduct a school of his own brought Mr. Elliott to Burlington. Already he had studied its situation and its possible advantages. He knew that it was situated midway between St. Louis and Chicago, and that its railway lines stretched out to every section of the country. Recognizing in this an advantageous situation, Mr. Elliott came to Burlington and, with a partner, purchased a commercial school which had already been established here with quarters on the second floor of the Hedge block. With the purchase he at once began the development and improvement of the school. The most up-to-date methods were introduced, and the school was reorganized along the lines of the most advanced commercial colleges of the larger cities. From the beginning the institution grew, and a removal of the school was made to the Squires building. Mr. Elliott soon purchased his partner's interest and remained sole proprietor and active manager of the school until his death, but in the meantime had added a large teaching force, people who were expert instructors in their line. He possessed great physical and mental energy and power, and concentrated every effort upon the upbuilding and advancement of the school. Of him it was said: "He introduced new and original features, and made it a point at times to visit other commercial schools, especially the more successful ones in the large cities, studying their methods and profiting by their introduction into the curriculum of his own school. This progressive spirit, backed by a resolute will and untiring energy, combined with wonderful capacity for hard and continuous work, all day and often extending into late hours of the night, bore its material fruit in rap-

idly building up the school in its efficiency and widespread reputation."

In the conduct of Elliott's Commercial College the work was broadened from time to time. Every department was well organized and students could be fitted for any branch of commercial life, with thorough training in bookkeeping, stenography, and all kinds of commercial work. A regular banking business was conducted, a commission business, and a wholesale grocery store; importing and jobbing were also features; penmanship and commercial correspondence, spelling, drawing and mathematics were all features in the thorough training to be secured in the school. Mr. Elliott gave much time to individual instruction, not only in text-book studies, but conduct, personal appearance, habits and those qualities so essential to success in business. His school became acknowledged as a good place to send a wayward youth or one who did not respond readily to discipline. Such cases Mr. Elliott gave his individual attention, and it was seldom that he failed to touch the right chord. If on any occasion he could not stimulate the ambition and secure the cooperation of the student in plans for his assistance, such a student was dismissed, for he would not allow such a one to affect the principles of the school and prove a detriment to the efforts of other pupils. Something of the success of his school is indicated in the fact that at times it was impossible to supply the demands for its graduates. In the offices of Chittenden-Eastman Company are found thirty former students of this school. One of their graduates is today at the head of the Merchants Bank of Burlington, and others have gained positions of equal distinction in other localities. There is perhaps no state in the Union where the graduates of Elliott's Business College are not found as successful factors in promoting commercial activity and success.

In Rochester, New York, on the 7th of July, 1874, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Katherine S. Murphy, and they became the parents of nine children. The wife and mother passed away in Burlington, December 11, 1911, and a son, Frank, died in Oklahoma City in 1900, while a second son, Louis, departed this life in Chicago, July 12, 1912. The other members of the family are: Mrs. J. J. Bernet of La Grange, Illinois; Minnie and Grace, at home; Mrs. Grey Robbins, of Burlington; George Herbert, of Winnipeg, Manitoba; and Charles Edgar and Walter Alfred, of Burlington.

Mr. Elliott gave his political indorsement to the republican party and was a stanch advocate of its principles, but was not an active

worker in party ranks. In early life he espoused the Methodist faith and was dean of the Methodist Seminary at Casanovia, New York, before removing to Philadelphia. He joined the Methodist church in Burlington and continued thereafter one of its strong supporters and earnest workers. A spirit of Christianity dominated his life and influenced him in all of its relations with his fellow-men. A modern philosopher has written: "Not the good that comes to us, but the good that comes to the world through us, is the measure of our success," and, judged by this standard, the life of George W. Elliott was a most successful one. When it was planned to have a reunion at Gettysburg on the fiftieth anniversary of the battle, Mr. Elliott, who had been in poor health, obtained the consent of his physician to go, but while there the excessive heat prostrated him and it seemed for a time as though he would not live to return home. He reached Burlington, however, and passed away four weeks later in the Burlington Hospital, his death occurring on the 14th of September, 1913, when he lacked but five days of reaching the seventieth anniversary of his birth. He was a man of fine personal appearance and the physical was but the index to the larger nature within. Few men have so fully recognized their opportunities, their responsibilities and their obligations. He understood exactly what he might do for the youth who came under his instruction. He felt that "education is but preparation for life," and he ever strove to impress upon his students the thought that they must build character with success if they would attain a place in the world worthy to rank with true men and women. His own example inspired and encouraged those who came under his direction, and his memory remains as a blessed benediction to those who knew him.

ANDREW L. LAGOMARCINO.

Andrew L. Lagomarcino, of Burlington, enjoyed the distinction of being called the father of the Italian colony of that city. He was an able and successful business man who in the fruit business attained a remarkable success in this country. Mr. Lagomarcino was born in the village of that name which is situated near Genoa, Italy, the date of his birth being December 1, 1848. At the age of eighteen years he crossed the ocean, being induced by the stories which had reached him of the great opportunities that awaited ambitious youths in the land of the free. Another reason for his removal from Italy was his

distaste for the conscription system, which he considered an injustice to the people.

After reaching the shores of the western hemisphere Mr. Lagomarcino entered commercial life. He located in New York, where he remained for several years, and then made his way to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he established a fruit and grocery store. In that city he continued until 1875, when he came to Burlington, Iowa, and in partnership with S. Oppice founded the first exclusive fruit store. It is said he was the first man to bring bananas to Burlington for sale, shipping this fruit by express from New York, and at that time this now so popular fruit was considered a rare curiosity. In 1879 the partnership with Mr. Oppice was dissolved and Mr. Lagomarcino continued the business alone until 1885, when he admitted William H. Grupe to a partnership. The latter had been in the employ of the house since 1878 and as a trusted and faithful employe had earned his promotion. The firm became Lagomarcino & Co. and so continued until 1903, when it was incorporated as the Lagomarcino-Grupe Company, of which our subject became the president and in which capacity he continued until his death. From a small beginning the establishment grew to be one of the largest fruit houses in the country. They were importers and wholesale dealers and maintained branch houses in Cedar Rapids, Creston, Davenport, Dubuque, Ottumwa, Keokuk, Clinton, Centerville, Estherville and St. Louis, Missouri.

The ambition which led Mr. Lagomarcino to leave his native land guided him to the goal of success, and his unfailing business foresight, his industry and his honesty gained him a place among the most substantial citizens of Burlington. Not only, however, was Mr. Lagomarcino successful but he was popular with all who came in contact with him. He took an interest in the welfare of the city that was as great as the care which he exhibited in the conduct of his own affairs, and he therefore made a most valuable citizen and in a large measure contributed to the growth and prestige of Burlington. He was the recognized leader and father of the Italian colony of this city and beloved by all his countrymen, who would come to him for counsel and guidance and sometimes help.

In New York city Mr. Lagomarcino was united in marriage to Miss Maria Tassina and their children were Paul, Charles, Joseph, Angelo, Mrs. John Bardenheier, Mrs. Mathew A. Bley, Albert, Andrew, Columbus, Rosanna and Mamie. The beautiful home in which Mr. Lagomarcino established his residence is still occupied by his widow. It is located at No. 2131 South Main street, Burling-

ton. There he loved to entertain his friends, who found him always a genial host. It was in this home that he took the greatest pride and at his fireside he found the greatest happiness.

Mr. Lagomarcino was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and belonged to St. Paul's Catholic church. By his life record he verified the idea that unflagging industry will lead to success and furnished an example to Italo-American citizens which is worthy of being emulated. He combined in him the sunny characteristics of his southland with American business aggressiveness, although when applied to for assistance his great and good heart would often yield to his better judgment. Andrew L. Lagomarcino died October 4, 1907, when nearly fifty-nine years of age, and his memory lives with the many who knew him.

LAGOMARCINO-GRUPE COMPANY.

The Lagomarcino-Grupe Company was founded by Andy Lagomarcino, who arrived in New York city about 1872 and came to Burlington about 1875. He started business in a building on Main street, near the railway track, and gradually forged ahead. In 1885 he formed a partnership with W. H. Grupe and in 1887 they removed to larger quarters on Main street. Still the continued growth of their business necessitated another removal in order to secure increased facilities and in 1892 their business was established at Valley and Front streets.

Burlington, however, has not confined this growing commercial enterprise, for from time to time branch houses have been established. The business was started at Cedar Rapids in 1894, at Creston in 1901 and at Davenport in 1903. In 1904 the business was incorporated and in 1905 a branch house was established at Dubuque and another at Clinton. Still the growth continued and Ottumwa was taken into this chain of business houses owned and controlled by the company. It was in 1907 that Ottumwa became a new field for the firm and in 1911 Keokuk was added and in 1914 Estherville and Centerville were added, so that at present the Iowa company owns ten different houses. Theirs is the largest fruit house in the middle west outside of Chicago. They employ two hundred people and have about sixty traveling salesmen upon the road. They handle fifteen hundred carloads of fruit and vegetables annually and they also deal in soda fountains and supplies. In connection they have established

and operate three ice cream factories and they have a separate house that handles fish and oysters. The home office is at Burlington and from that point is carried on the general supervision of the business, which with its ramifying trade interests now largely covers Iowa and in its wholesale connections extends much farther.

E. F. HOLSTEEN.

E. F. Holsteen, secretary and treasurer of the Burlington Soap Company and thus actively identified with the manufacturing interests of the city, was born in Houston county, Minnesota, February 12, 1860, but from the age of six years has been a resident of the city in which he now makes his home, his parents being Sophus and Emma A. (Alschlenger) Holsteen. The father was a native of Germany, born October 18, 1830, and came to the United States when sixteen years of age. Crossing the Atlantic, he settled first in Philadelphia, where he remained for a brief period and then came to the middle west, settling at St. Louis in the early '50s. He was first employed as a clerk in the Corse book store but afterward went to Minnesota, where he lived for several years. Returning southward, he settled at Burlington in 1866 and here engaged in the drug business, opening a store on Third street, of which he was the proprietor for a number of years. After his family had attained adult age he purchased a farm, on which he took up his abode, and there remained until his death, which occurred on the 29th of February, 1910. His wife was one of the first children born in Gasconade county, Missouri. Her people were of German nativity and emigrated to the new world, becoming pioneer settlers of Gasconade county. Her uncle, who was a minister, came first, making arrangements for the others, who soon afterward followed. It required one hundred and twenty days, or four months, to cross the ocean. Mrs. Holsteen still survives and is yet enjoying good health. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sophus Holsteen were fourteen children.

E. F. Holsteen acquired his education in the schools of Burlington, beginning his studies in the old German school on Washington street, under Professor Lorenz. He remained in school until seventeen years of age and subsequently pursued a business course in Bryant & Stratton Business College. He afterward engaged in work at the blacksmith's trade and followed that continuously until 1881, when he began farming on the old homestead north of Burlington, where

his mother still resides. He continued upon the farm until 1895, bringing the fields to a high state of cultivation and adding to the place many modern equipments. In the year mentioned he left Des Moines county and went to Lee county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1903. He then returned to Burlington and for one year was vice president of the Burlington Soap Company. In 1908 he was elected secretary and treasurer and is now serving in the dual position. He is an efficient executive officer, watchful of all the details of the business pointing to success and wisely utilizing the opportunities which seem to promise a steady growth for the business.

Mr. Holsteen was united in marriage to Miss Frances Long, who was born in Burlington, February 29, 1860, and was educated in the schools of this city. Mr. Holsteen is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable farming land in this county, to the supervision of which he gives his personal attention, and upon this he has an attractive country home. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and in its work take an active and helpful part. He belongs to the Travelers' Protective Association and his political allegiance is given to the progressive party. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the county in which he has made his home for almost a half century and his cooperation is readily given to many movements and measures for the public good. His life has been one of diligence and industry and the success which is now his is the direct result of his earnest, persistent efforts.

DRAKE HARDWARE COMPANY.

The Drake Hardware Company, one of the foremost commercial enterprises of Burlington, was organized on the 1st of January, 1891, by L. H. Drake, S. H. Jones, C. E. Otto, E. D. Adams, E. H. Westfall and Walter Schenck. All of these became directors of the company, with Mr. Otto as president, Mr. Adams as vice president, Mr. Schenck as secretary and Mr. Jones as treasurer. The Drake Hardware Company succeeded to the business of Lyman H. Drake, who, in turn, was successor to Drake & Dayton. That firm was the successor of Nelson & Company, and their predecessors were Morton & Nelson. Still earlier the business had belonged to the firm of J. Morton & Company, who succeeded J. W. Grimes & Company, who had founded the business in 1864. The establishment there-

fore is one of the oldest houses of the city in years of continuous existence. In 1891 the business was located on North Main street, where they remained until they erected the buildings where they are now located, at Nos. 106-110 Washington street and Nos. 413-423 Front street. A general wholesale hardware business is conducted, and they have upon their payroll twelve traveling salesmen, who cover the greater part of Iowa, a part of western Illinois and the northern half of Missouri. On the 1st of July, 1907, the Drake Hardware Company and the C. F. Smith Hardware Company consolidated their interests, retaining the former name. The present officers of the company are: S. H. Jones, president and treasurer; E. D. Adams, vice president, and H. B. Buhrmaster, secretary.

CARL M. OLSON.

Carl M. Olson, engaged in the wholesale liquor business in Burlington, was born in Quincy, Illinois, March 2, 1878. His father, Nels Olson, was a native of Sweden, born August 28, 1849, and when eighteen years of age he came to the United States. He first engaged in the lumber business in Wisconsin and worked at logging as far south as Alabama. He came to Iowa as a bridge builder and aided in building bridges over the Mississippi river as far south as Quincy. He lived for a time in Quincy, and in 1880 took up his permanent abode in Burlington, where he purchased the old Denver Hotel, which he conducted for a few months. He afterward bought the old Burlington House and conducted it until 1883. He then embarked in the wholesale liquor business, his original establishment being at No. 111 Jefferson street, from which place he removed to the present location at No. 405 Valley street in 1889. He was engaged in the business until his death, which occurred November 2, 1913.

Nels Olson was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Wegreen, a native of Sweden, in 1875, and they became the parents of three children, of whom Carl M. is the eldest. The others, Nels A. and Esther, are both deceased. The father was very prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the Knights of Pythias lodge, and he was one of the oldest members of the Lone Tree Fishing Club. He also served at one time as president of the old North End Boating Association. He had an extended circle of warm friends in Burlington, especially among the Swedish-American residents, and many

who knew him entertained for him warm regard. His wife passed away in 1892.

Carl M. Olson came to Burlington with his parents when a child of two years, and became a pupil in the public schools, continuing his education here to the age of nineteen. On starting out in life on his own account he was employed at farm labor, spending considerable time as a farm hand in both Iowa and South Dakota. He enlisted in the Eighth Infantry at Sioux City, Iowa, and went to the Philippines, where he served for two years in connection with the military organization there, and afterward for three years in the civil service department, being in the quartermaster's office at Manila and at different periods stationed on several islands of the Philippine group. He visited China and Japan before returning to the United States, reaching Burlington on the 4th of August, 1906.

Mr. Olson then became bookkeeper for his father in his wholesale liquor establishment, and when he married was admitted to a partnership in the business. Owing to the change in the laws of the state, the partnership had to be discontinued, and after the death of the father the son assumed complete charge. He has since conducted the business most successfully and is now one of the foremost merchants in his line in Burlington.

On the 10th of June, 1908, Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Julia Ricker, of Milwaukee, who was graduated from Trinity Hospital of that city. They have become parents of three children: Ralph C., Nels William and Esther. Mr. Olson is a member of the subordinate lodge, the encampment and the Rebekah degree of the Odd Fellows. He also has membership with the Eagles, the Gobblers, and with the Pinkham Fishing Club. In politics he is a democrat, giving unswerving support to the principles of the party. During practically his entire life he has been numbered among Burlington's citizens and he has a wide acquaintance among his fellow-townsmen.

JOHN H. PETTIBONE.

John H. Pettibone is the popular and efficient postmaster of Burlington and his appointment to the position gave general satisfaction throughout the city. He had long been established as a leading business man and as a public-spirited citizen whose loyalty to the general welfare was manifest in hearty cooperation with various movements for the public good.



JOHN H. PETTIBONE

A native of Illinois, Mr. Pettibone was born in Rockford on the 7th of December, 1858, a son of Luman P. and Louisa Matthews (Goodhue) Pettibone. The father was a native of New York and they were married in Rockford, Illinois, in which city the mother came when a child. There they continued their residence for a number of years but in 1865 came to Burlington, the father occupying the position of general agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, with which corporation he was connected through an extended period. In the later years of his life he lived retired, enjoying a well earned rest until death called him. His wife passed away in 1910. In their family were but two children, the younger son being Frank G. Pettibone, who has always been connected with railroad interests since starting out in the business world with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and is now second vice president and general manager of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, with offices in Galveston, Texas.

John H. Pettibone was but six years of age when his parents brought their family to Burlington. Here he began his education, attending the Graff private school and afterward entering the high school. However, he was but thirteen years of age when he began to earn his own living, securing a position as office boy in a wholesale grocery house. He afterward acted as clerk for the Barden-Segner Company, which later became the firm of Pilger Brothers, subsequently Pilger Brothers & Company, and still later the Pilger Grocer Company. The adoption of the last name was due to the fact that John H. Pettibone had worked his way steadily upward from one position to another until he became a partner in the enterprise, of which he was also general sales manager. He thoroughly acquainted himself with every phase of the business and for eight years was a representative of the company upon the road. It is characteristic of him that he thoroughly masters every task which he undertakes and is neglectful of no duty that devolves upon him. At length the firm sold out and about that time Mr. Pettibone became city treasurer, which office he occupied for four years, making a most creditable record through the prompt and faithful manner in which he discharged his duties. In 1899 the Modern Electric Company was incorporated with Mr. Pettibone, secretary, treasurer and general manager. The company conducts a wholesale business as dealers in general electrical supplies and has a local contracting department.

In 1894 occurred the marriage of Mr. Pettibone and Miss Margaret Danner, of Burlington, a daughter of W. T. and Mary R. Danner. The father was a merchant and both he and his wife are

now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone have one daughter, Harriett Nixon.

Mr. Pettibone is a prominent Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he is also affiliated with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a past commander of St. Omer Commandery No. 15, K. T., and is a past grand commander of the state, having been the chief officer in the grand commandery of Iowa in 1899 and 1900. He belongs to the Commercial Exchange and has been a helpful factor in promoting its projects for the upbuilding of the city.

His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and on several different occasions he has been called to public office. He has been a member of the board of education and in 1907 was elected county supervisor, to which position he was reelected in 1910 and 1913. He continued to act in that capacity until he resigned in order to accept the postmastership, to which he was appointed on the 19th of June, 1914. He had made a most excellent record as supervisor. There is no more stalwart champion of the good roads movement in Des Moines county, and speaking of his efforts in that connection, one of the local papers said: "His work was not confined to writing resolutions and making speeches, but he accomplished things, and the fine start toward a permanent road system that has been made in this county is to a large extent due to his enthusiastic and intelligent labors in behalf of real road improvement. He but recently entered upon a new term as member of the board, of which he is the chairman. He will lay down the duties of this office with regret, because there is much work mapped for the near future which will keep the county of Des Moines well to the fore so far as real road building is concerned, and again he will step out of the office with the knowledge that he has done his share toward starting the movement, which before his time had been discussed here so many years, without much visible progress. Mr. Pettibone, while in county office, gave much time and thought and work to the drainage projects north of the city. He was quick to appreciate the importance of this work and the vast benefits that would accrue to the county and the city through the establishment of these drainage districts, and the fact that Des Moines county has accomplished so much in this regard is due in no small measure to the fact that Mr. Pettibone did not merely approve of drainage in theory, but urged and pushed the consummation of plans that met with no little opposition, which was either overcome by diplomatic moves or by an educational campaign. The drainage north of Burlington con-

sists of the first big proposition in the United States, draining over fifty thousand acres of land—an object lesson to the entire country. While Mr. Pettibone was a member of the school board, he was a member of the committee in charge of the building of the new high school. That was a hard-working committee which gave an immense amount of thought and time and labor to the duties that had been imposed upon it, and in this labor of love Mr. Pettibone did his full share, and few things that he has done in his busy life have given him more pleasure and satisfaction than the completion of this beautiful school building.”

Mr. Pettibone is indeed a leader in public affairs and has done much to mold public thought and action. He has ever looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities and possibilities of the future and has labored not only for this but also for succeeding generations. His is a type of the highest patriotism, for in this day and age it is a recognized fact that the patriot is not the man who cheers the stars and stripes nor even who makes eloquent and thrilling speeches concerning the country, but he who diligently and persistently works for public benefits that the name of his country may be honored for its accomplishments and its opportunities wherever known. Burlington is proud of his record for he is essentially a Burlington product.

HARRY BOCK.

The name of Bock has long been associated with the florist's business in Burlington, and the subject of this review is now connected with the Bock greenhouses, and is thus active in the control of one of the leading enterprises of this character in Burlington. He was born at the old home place here on the 27th of August, 1881, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wiemer) Bock. He has always resided in Burlington, and under the direction of his father he acquainted himself with the business of cultivating flowers and managing a greenhouse. He also spent one year in the Vaughan greenhouses of Chicago. Since his father's death he has worked with his mother, who conducts the business, and is ably assisted by her son Harry, who has become well acquainted with every phase of plant cultivation, as well as the sales end of the business. The products of the greenhouses now find a ready sale on the market, and the business has steadily grown and developed.

In 1910 Mr. Bock was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Wohlwend, who was born in Burlington, August 15, 1880, a daughter of J. J. and Rosa Wohlwend, natives of Germany. The father died in Burlington, where the mother still makes her home. Mr. and Mrs. Bock have an interesting little son, Joseph, who is named in honor of his grandfather.

Mr. Bock is a republican in his political views, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Moose, the Eagles, and the Turn Verein. He is well known in the city where his entire life has been passed, and here he has made for himself a creditable record in business circles.

JOHN ZAISER.

John Zaiser was not only one of the most successful business men of Burlington, Iowa, but also served as mayor of that city. He was born in Schweigern, Wurtemberg, Germany, December 16, 1835, and in 1852, when seventeen years of age, came to America, locating in Quincy, Illinois. He had prepared himself to enter the ministry before leaving Germany, and in the year after his arrival in this country was admitted to the ministry of the German Methodist church. He continued in Quincy until 1853, when he came to Burlington, Iowa, which remained his home until his death.

In 1865, when thirty years of age, Mr. Zaiser retired from the pulpit and entered business life, becoming a member of a firm which under different names carried on the industry of wagon-making. The establishment was founded in a modest way, but as the proprietors were industrious and had good business ability, it grew to large proportions. Their success and reputation rested largely on the quality of goods which they turned out and which gave general satisfaction. Mr. Zaiser was identified with this wagon-making industry until his death. For a number of years before his demise the firm consisted of two members, the partner of Mr. Zaiser being Arthur F. Hertzler. They operated under the name of the Orchard City Wagon Company, and occupied a large plant between Washington and Jefferson streets, slightly north of Hawkeye street. This establishment was for many years one of the representative manu-

facturing concerns of the city. Mr. Zaiser was to a large extent responsible for its success, as he combined practical business methods with a rare sense of honesty and integrity.

On September 25, 1860, Mr. Zaiser was united in marriage to Miss Marguerite Funck, a native of Burlington and a daughter of John Adam Funck, who was a pioneer of this city, having in 1835 taken up his residence here. Mr. and Mrs. Zaiser had nine children, of whom one died in infancy. The others were Rev. J. Zaiser, Laura, Fred H., Lillian, Dr. Albert C. Zaiser, Esther, Adam T. and Dr. Harry E. Zaiser.

Throughout his life Mr. Zaiser proved a public-spirited citizen who always took an active part in movements undertaken for the betterment of his city. He was a life-long democrat and aided in promoting the welfare of his party, although he was never an office-seeker. However, when importuned by his friends or neighbors, he would come forth to assume public responsibility. He served for two terms in the city council with decidedly good results for Burlington. This was in the early '70s, and in 1880 he was honored by election to the mayor's chair. He served by re-election until 1884, and gave the city a beneficial and business-like administration. He was one of the earliest members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and active in its work. He was a kindly and charitable man, much beloved by all who knew him, and when he passed away, June 16, 1906, a sense of personal loss came to many homes in Burlington. He had passed his seventieth birthday when he departed this life, and he performed well such tasks as came to him. He never lost his interest in his fellowmen and was always the first to lift a hand in order to help those who wavered on life's pathway. His untarnished name is the most precious possession which he left his widow and family, who perpetuate the family name in honorable positions in the world's work.

GEORGE L. UNTERKIRCHER.

Among those men who were prominent in business affairs in the city of Burlington was George L. Unterkircher, for a number of years engaged in the livery and undertaking business. He also had other interests and was a factor for progress in the commercial life of the city. He was born in Burlington, May 10, 1863, and died July 7, 1911, in the best years of his life. Although he was called

to the Great Beyond much too early to achieve the goal of his ambition, he attained a position which many a man of older years may never reach.

Mr. Unterkircher was a son of P. F. and Philipina (Johns) Unterkircher, the former of whom was born in Mezigen, Germany, November 30, 1826, and died in Burlington, August 31, 1893, having reached the age of sixty-seven years. He came to America in 1853 and first located in Clinton, Michigan, where he followed his trade of weaver. Soon afterward, however, he engaged in tanning, and in time became the owner of the tannery in which he had begun his career as a humble employe. In 1863 Mr. Unterkircher made his way to Iowa, locating near Augusta in Des Moines county, where he resided four years, and in 1867 came to Burlington. In that city he conducted a brewery for one year. He then established a steam laundry, which he operated in partnership with George A. Duncan, his business being the first enterprise of its kind in the city. Subsequently he became interested in the livery business, purchasing the Stewart stables. The business prospered, and he later added an undertaking establishment. He remained the owner of these business properties until his death, although his sons became associated with him in business. The firm operated under the style of P. F. Unterkircher & Sons. Mr. Unterkircher accumulated considerable property and left an estate which was the result of his industry, energy and frugality. In 1852, at Clinton, Michigan, he married Miss Philipina Johns, who died in 1888. He became recognized as one of the substantial citizens of Burlington and aided all public measures of a worthy nature.

George L. Unterkircher was reared in Burlington, and in this city attended the public schools, subsequently taking up a course of study in Bryant & Stratton Business College. While yet a boy he made himself useful in his father's livery and undertaking establishments. He later became a member of the firm, which then changed its style to P. F. Unterkircher & Sons, under which it continued until the death of Mr. Unterkircher, Sr., in 1893. Subsequently our subject and his brother, F. L. Unterkircher, leased from the estate the Washington street business for a period of five years, while the two other brothers, C. L. and H. O. Unterkircher, took over the Columbia barn on North Main street. George L. Unterkircher and his brother conducted business under the firm name of F. L. & G. L. Unterkircher, and soon erected a fine new building at Third and Valley streets, which they occupied in 1896. This building was put up at an expense of sixty-five thousand dollars. Forty thousand dollars

was invested in stock, of which thirty-five thousand dollars was particularly devoted to acquiring the highest class of equipment and animals for their livery, which was modern in every respect. Their undertaking establishment also was one of the largest and most up to date in the state. In 1902 they added a large and artistically decorated chapel with a seating capacity of two hundred. F. L. Unterkircher had charge of the undertaking establishment, while our subject gave most of his attention to the livery business. He was very successful along this line, being an expert judge of animals, and as a side line he engaged largely in the purchase and sale of horses, doing a considerable business of this kind. Mr. Unterkircher was one of the most genial and pleasant-mannered business men of Burlington, in which city he had innumerable friends. He held considerable real estate and also was a director of the German-American Equitation Premium Life Association and of the German-American Agency Company.

On September 12, 1882, Mr. Unterkircher married Miss Jennie Keegan, a native of Burlington, and they had one daughter, Grace, who married William Mathes. Mrs. Unterkircher, who died July 29, 1913, was widely and favorably known in Burlington, being particularly interested in various organizations which make for the betterment of humanity and which interest themselves in the care of the needy and afflicted.

Mr. Unterkircher took a foremost rank among the public-spirited citizens of Burlington, for the advancement and progress of which city he considered no effort of his too great. He was an active democrat and frequently served as a delegate to state conventions and in other important capacities. In 1899 public recognition came to him when he was elected to the position of coroner of Des Moines county, an office which he held for four years. He discharged his difficult duties faithfully and with circumspection and made an excellent official record. His social and fraternal connections were many, and he was popular in all of the organizations to which he belonged. Among others, he was a member of Harold Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Woodmen of the World; the Knights of the Macca-bees; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Burlington Turner Society; the Schwaebischer Verein; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Orchard City Club; the Commercial Men's Exchange, and the Business Men's Club. In the Commercial and Business Men's clubs Mr. Unterkircher found a broad scope for his activities in promoting the advancement of the city. He was an extremely popular

man and had many friends in all circles of Burlington. He was hailed as a fine fellow on all hands and in his genial way brought the sunshine of life to many of his fellow-men. When the news of his death on July 7, 1911, traversed the city there was much sorrow and mourning. His many friends could hardly believe that one had gone out of their lives who had been much to them. His memory is loyally and reverently preserved as that of a man who combined with the highest qualities of character business ability of a high order, and who was ever ready to extend a helping hand to all those who were unfortunate. His help was not only of a material kind, but his mere presence inspired encouragement, and his good cheer seemed to drive away life's shadows.

IOWA BISCUIT COMPANY.

The Iowa Biscuit Company, controlling one of the chief manufacturing concerns of Burlington, was established in November, 1907, at which time the company rented the building adjoining their present factory, a new building of five stories and basement. Six traveling salesmen represent the business upon the road, and they sell through jobbers and wholesale houses.

Theirs is one of the most perfectly equipped plants to be found in connection with manufacturing interests in the country. The company generates its own light and power, and the latest improved machinery is used in every department. While there are larger plants in the United States, there are none better. The question of modern sanitation has been studied, and cleanliness is one of the most important features of the business. The plant has a capacity of one hundred barrels of flour per day, manufactured into crackers and cakes. They employ from fifty to one hundred people, and one-fourth of the number are skilled laborers. There is a lunch room maintained in connection with the business for the employes, and the plant has supplied bathing equipment for the bakers. There is a rest room and there is a complete sprinkler equipment with two outside fire escapes. The building is a fireproof structure, and in the matter of light, ventilation, sanitation and other features the factory is unsurpassed anywhere in the country. It extends from 214 to 220 South Third street.

The trade connections cover Iowa, northeastern Missouri, and western Illinois. They have adopted as a motto, "Sweet and Clean,"

and their trade-mark is the Wild Rose. The present officers of the company are: J. M. Storrar, president; A. G. Oberle, vice president; A. H. Riepe, secretary-treasurer, and W. A. Baum, manager. In addition to the officers the other directors are Walter Burt, J. Russell Copeland and E. C. Gould.

F. F. HOUSTON.

F. F. Houston is the treasurer of the Rankin Coal & Ice Company, which was incorporated on the 1st of January, 1914. This is an old established business of Burlington but has recently been taken over by three young men—men of enterprise, of progressive spirit and of indefatigable energy. Their well defined and carefully executed plans are being carried forward to success, each bearing his part in the management, development and control of the business.

F. F. Houston was born in Burlington in 1878, a son of Joseph and Sarah L. (Bell) Houston. The father was a citizen of Des Moines county for a number of years, and for some time operated the flour mill in Burlington known as the Sunderland mill. He became a farmer of Watertown, South Dakota, being there engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years, and it was at that place that F. F. Houston acquired his education. In 1896 he returned to Burlington and at once entered the employ of his uncle, the late T. R. Rankin, since which time he has been connected with the coal and ice business of this city. He gradually worked his way upward as he proved his capability and fidelity until he is now a member of the firm and the present treasurer of the company. The other officers are B. H. Heaton, president, and C. R. Hutchison, secretary. These young men became the successors of the old firm of T. R. Rankin & Company, and since the incorporation of the business on the 1st of January, 1914, have conducted their interests under the name of the Rankin Coal & Ice Company. They deal in ice and fuel, and today enjoy an extensive patronage. The original company was formed in 1870 for the sale of ice and the business is one of the oldest of this character in this part of the state. The fuel department was established in 1889 under the name of M. Dunn & Company, and in 1904 they sold out to Rankin & Company. Mr. Houston became a member of the Rankin company in 1900 and has since had voice in the management of the business. They are to-

day the largest ice dealers in the city and also have a gratifying trade in fuel, their business along both lines constantly growing. They enjoy an unassailable reputation for commercial integrity, as well as enterprise, and their success shows that they keep in touch with modern business methods and are reliable in all their trade transactions.

In 1900 Mr. Houston was married to Miss Lottie Boger, who was born in Burlington, a daughter of John and Martha (Ryder) Boger. They reside at No. 1304 Summer street, and have three sons: George F., Robert Rankin, and Forest R., all born in Burlington. In politics Mr. Houston is a progressive, but not an office seeker. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a member of the Congregational church, is collector for the trustees, and for fourteen years was treasurer of the Sunday school, but resigned in 1913. He is an upright, honest man, thoroughly reliable in all of his business transactions and in other connections, and many sterling traits of character have gained for him the high regard of all who know him.

EDWARD P. EASTMAN.

Edward P. Eastman, vice president and general manager of the Chittenden-Eastman Company, has figured in connection with the business interests of Burlington since 1877 and his ability and even paced energy have carried him into important relations. He was born in Salem, Ohio, January 1, 1860, and is a son of William and Frances Louisa (McConnell) Eastman. The father was engaged in the banking business in Ohio, and there passed away in 1904. He is survived by his widow, who now resides in Burlington.

The public schools and a business college constituted the training ground on which Edward P. Eastman qualified for life's responsibilities and business activities. He came to Burlington in December, 1877, when seventeen years of age and secured the position of book-keeper with the firm of Pollock, Granger & Chittenden. Throughout all the intervening period he has been connected with the business, and upon the organization of the present Chittenden-Eastman Company he became a member of the firm, and upon its incorporation was chosen vice president and general manager.

This business was organized in 1866 as a jobbing and retail furniture business owned by H. Bailey & Company. With the retirement of Mr. Bailey, in 1873, the firm became Todd, Pollock & Granger, and later changes in the partnership eventually made Henry W. Chittenden the sole proprietor. For a year he was alone in the business, but on the 1st of January, 1883, E. P. Eastman was admitted to a partnership, having served as bookkeeper and salesman for six years, so that he had intimate knowledge of the business and the methods of management. Under the firm style of Chittenden & Eastman the business was continued until July 1, 1899, when the Chittenden-Eastman Company was incorporated and the two senior partners were joined by a number of the older employes of the house who occupied positions in the office and upon the road. It has always been the policy of the firm to recognize faithfulness on the part of employes, and thus it was when the opportunity offered that some of the oldest and most reliable became stockholders in the concern. Something of the development of the business may be indicated in the fact that the sales originally amounted to about fifteen thousand dollars annually, but now bring in a return of nearly two million dollars. The growth has been continuous and substantial, and the house enjoys a most enviable reputation among its customers and among the manufacturers from whom they purchase goods not made in the Burlington plant. Each department has at its head a member of the company who is especially interested in that line, and there is a friendly rivalry to see who can make the best showing. They issue a catalogue of about seven hundred pages, ten by fourteen inches, in which are shown the most complete and best selling lines of goods that can possibly be brought together by men of long experience in manufacturing and buying, with the advantage of ample capital and an enormous outlet for goods. Their motto has ever been "the best goods for the money." The company manufactures an exceedingly tasteful and well-made line of upholstered goods, for which they have won an enviable reputation. No factory in the country can excel their mattress department, for the building has been especially designed for the purpose and is perfect in its convenience and sanitary arrangements. Carrying an immense stock on hand, the company is ready to meet any order at almost a moment's notice. Within twenty-four hours after an order is received, shipment is oftentimes made. The house is today recognized as the world's largest furniture distributors. The plant covers a large acreage and most of the buildings are five stories in height. They have an extensive selling force and they employ skilled and compe-

tent workmen, while each department is under the care of capable managers. At the head of the credit department is R. J. Cowles; of the mail order department, C. J. Schenck; of the chair department, E. G. Disque; of the sales department, W. H. Plock; of the upholstery and mattress department, H. C. Jordan and C. A. Duffy. The officers of the company are: H. W. Chittenden, president; E. P. Eastman, vice president; W. B. Eaton, secretary; R. S. Schramm, treasurer; and H. Roberts, auditor.

Aside from his connection with the Chittenden-Eastman Company, Mr. Eastman has been the president of the water company since its organization, and is also a director in the German-American Savings Bank. He was largely instrumental in the organization of the company that erected the Hotel Burlington, and is president of the Hotel Building Company. Thoroughness in everything that he undertakes is one of his strong characteristics. He has given practically his undivided attention to the furniture business, and his close application has figured strongly in the success of the house. Moreover, he readily discriminates between the essential and the nonessential, and he has furthermore the power to unify seemingly diverse elements into a harmonious whole.

On the 29th of September, 1897, Mr. Eastman was married to Miss Millie Smith, of Burlington, a daughter of Frederick A. and Lucy (Parker) Smith. Mr. Eastman exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He belongs to the Commercial and Golf clubs. He is now well known in the city in which for thirty-seven years he has made his home. There are no esoteric chapters in his life history, the record being as an open book which all may read, and, moreover, his business career is another proof of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

JOHN ALVIN STUCKER.

John Alvin Stucker is a progressive and highly respected farmer of Yellow Springs township, living on section 20, and is a representative of one of the early families of the county. He was born in Pleasant Grove township, December 9, 1869, a son of George Washington and Lavina (Gannaway) Stucker. The father was born in Washington county, Indiana, February 11, 1840, and was brought

to this county by his parents in 1849, the family home being established upon a farm near Pleasant Grove. He has since lived in Pleasant Grove township and has occupied his present farm since 1879. Following the outbreak of the Civil war, he responded to the first call for troops to serve for three months, enlisting in April, 1861. At the close of that period he veteranized and held all of the offices in his company, being advanced from corporal to captain of Company K, Eleventh Iowa Infantry, with which he served for four years and three months, or until the close of the war. His has indeed been a most honorable and creditable military record. He was with Sherman on the march to the sea, participated in many of the most hotly contested engagements of the war, and at its close took part in the grand review in Washington, D. C. Throughout the entire period of his connection with the boys in blue, Captain Stucker was absent from duty only two weeks while home on a furlough. In days of peace his entire life has been devoted to farming and he ranks with the leading and highly respected agriculturists of his community. In politics he has been a lifelong republican.

His wife was born in the old town of Pleasant Grove in Pleasant Grove township, January 11, 1846, a daughter of John and Nancy (Zion) Gannaway, natives of Kentucky and Virginia, respectively. They were married in Burlington, having come with their parents to Pleasant Grove township, the former in 1835 and the latter in 1836. The grandfather of Mrs. Lavina Stucker was John Gannaway, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He was a native of Kentucky, and died in that state. His widow, Mrs. Sarah (Williams) Gannaway, came to this county with her children, and here passed away at the age of ninety-seven years. John Gannaway was of Scotch parentage. He had a family of eight children, and his son John had four children, two sons and two daughters: Robert, now living at Medford, Oregon; William, who is a resident of New London, Iowa; Mrs. Lavina Stucker; and Sarah, who became the wife of M. L. Stucker and died in 1879.

John Alvin Stucker is the eldest in a family of nine children, the others being: Waldo E., who is living in New London, Iowa; Mary Eva, the wife of Charles Collis, of Meadville, Missouri; Nancy L., the wife of Robert Ritchey, of Pleasant Grove township; George O., Roy F., and William C., all living in Pleasant Grove township; Ethel, at home; and Henry, who died in 1875 at the age of thirteen months.

John A. Stucker, whose name introduces this review, was reared in Pleasant Grove township and there resided until 1902, when he

came to the farm upon which he now makes his home. In the meantime he had displayed the same spirit of valor and loyalty which has ever been characteristic of the family. He enlisted in April, 1898, in the Sixth Iowa Battery for service in the Spanish-American war and was mustered out on the 8th of September following. He then returned to the old homestead farm, and in 1902 came to his present place, following his marriage, which was celebrated on the 29th of June, 1902, Mrs. Idora Ibbotson Butler becoming his wife. She was born in Yellow Springs township, August 16, 1874, a daughter of John and Mary (Talbot) Ibbotson, of Yellow Springs township, and the widow of G. A. Butler. By her first marriage she had a daughter, Bessie, who was born November 30, 1898. By the second marriage there have been born three daughters: Frances Lavina, born January 19, 1908; Lola Grace, April 30, 1911; and Florence Vernila, June 7, 1914.

Mr. Stucker has always followed the occupation of farming, and has today one hundred and forty-eight acres of rich and productive land on sections 20 and 29, Yellow Springs township, about a mile east of Roscoe. He is carrying on general farming and stock-raising and his efforts are bringing to him a good financial return. He ranks high in other business connections, being one of the directors of the Roscoe Savings Bank from its organization, and president of the Mediapolis Mutual Telephone Company.

His political support is given to the republican party, and for the past six years he has served as township trustee, discharging the duties of that position in a most capable and efficient manner. He holds membership with the Spanish War Veterans and with the Modern Woodmen, and he and his wife and daughters are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Pleasant Grove. He has never sought to figure prominently in any public connection, but by fidelity to duty, enterprise and progressiveness he has become recognized as one of the leading and valued citizens of his part of the state.

WILLIAM D. EATON.

In the year 1880, following his admission to the bar, William D. Eaton became an attorney for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and there is in Iowa today no man perhaps who is more familiar with railroad law than he. A native of this

state, he was born in Keokuk on the 17th of May, 1859, and is a son of S. Dwight and Gertrude (Williams) Eaton, who were married in Burlington in the year 1858.

S. Dwight Eaton was a native of Framingham, Massachusetts, and in early life learned civil engineering, which profession he made his life work. He came to Iowa in 1856 and built the Des Moines Valley Railroad. During the period of the Civil war he was in the employ of the government, having charge of the transportation of troops and superintending the operation of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad for the government. Following the close of the war he became a large railroad contractor, conducting a most important business of that character. In 1878 he came to Burlington and from this point superintended his business affairs. He was connected with railroad construction in various localities and was thus with the advance guard of civilization, for the railroad is always the forerunner of settlement and development in the west. For twenty-one years Mr. Eaton continued his residence in Burlington, and was then called to his final rest in 1899. His wife passed away January 1, 1900, and was laid to rest by his side in the Burlington cemetery. She was a daughter of Silas Williams, one of the pioneer settlers of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Eaton were people of the highest respectability, both being loyal and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Eaton gave his political support with unfaltering devotion to the republican party. To them were born two sons and a daughter: William D., Walter B., and Anna, all living in this city.

William D. Eaton acquired a public-school education in Hannibal, Missouri, and afterward continued his studies in the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He pursued his law reading in the office and under the direction of the firm of Hedge & Blythe, attorneys of Burlington, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. Immediately afterward he entered the law department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and with it has since been connected. He soon demonstrated his ability and for the past fifteen years he has been attorney for all of the Iowa district. He has the entire confidence of the corporation which he represents, and his pronounced skill and ability have been manifest on various occasions when he has safeguarded the interests of the company.

On the 4th of December, 1888, Mr. Eaton was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ewers, of Union City, Michigan, and they have become the parents of two sons: Henry E., a resident of Chicago, Illinois; and Robert E., who is with the Chittenden-East-

man Company, of Burlington. Mr. Eaton is a republican in his political views and keeps in close touch with the trend of thought and progress along political lines. He belongs to all of the leading social clubs of the city, including the Golf and the Automobile clubs, and he is popular in a circle of friends that is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

JOHN S. LAHEE.

John S. Lahee, a broad and liberal-minded man to whom business is but one phase of existence and who has studied closely many of the vital and significant sociological and economic problems of the age, belongs to that class of men who wield a power which is all the more potent from the fact that it is moral rather than political and is exercised for the public weal rather than for personal ends. Along business lines his connection with the city is that of an insurance specialist. Burlington claims him as a native son. He was here born January 12, 1864, his parents being John and Ellen (House) Lahee, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

After attending the public schools John S. Lahee became a pupil in the State University at Iowa City, entering the class of 1886. After his text-books were put aside he became connected with his father in the insurance and real estate business and upon the death of his father he took over the business, now concentrating his energies and attention upon general insurance. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the business and has secured a most gratifying clientage, writing annually policies that represent a very large sum.

Many other interests, however, have claimed the attention and profited by the cooperation of Mr. Lahee, who at all times stands loyally by every cause which he espouses. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served in the customs office, having charge of navigation and known as special deputy surveyor of customs. He was also connected with the supervising architect's office of the treasury department during the building of the Burlington postoffice and had charge of all the accounts. In early manhood, in 1882, he was appointed disbursing agent and chief examiner of the Chippewa Indian lands, but declined to serve in that connection, although it would have brought him lucrative returns. His activity in political circles began immediately after his college



JOHN S. LAHEE

days, when he was chosen secretary of the Young Men's Republican Club of Des Moines county, at that time a very strong organization, wielding a wide influence in political circles of the community. Mr. Lahee has ever regarded it as the duty as well as the privilege of every true American citizen to exercise his right of franchise and he has been unfaltering in his devotion to the principles which he deems of the greatest value in good government.

In fraternal circles, too, Mr. Lahee is well known. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, in which he has served as vice chancellor, and he is now affiliated with the Elks lodge, No. 84. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he became a charter member of the Golf Club. Long a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, he served for a number of years officially and as president of the brotherhood of that organization for one year. He likewise had charge of the music for the Sunday school for many years and has ever taken a most deep and helpful interest in Sunday-school work. No record of Mr. Lahee would be complete without reference to the prominent part which he has taken in musical circles. Nature endowed him with a love of music, which he naturally developed through study, and for a number of years he played in the Burlington Boat Club Band. He was also a first violinist in Professor Heyner's orchestra and he played the first B flat cornet in the Burlington Boat Club Band. He was also the founder and organizer of an orchestra, which he continued to direct for one year, during which time it became well known and popular. On the expiration of that period the organization was taken over by Professor Schramm and was afterward known as the Schramm orchestra. Mr. Lahee was chief musician of the Second Regiment, Iowa National Guard. He likewise played first violin in the Ladies' Musical Club orchestra and was the leader of the Presbyterian church orchestra. For eight years he was secretary of the Burlington Boating Association. He has also belonged to the Board of Trade, to the Commercial Club and the Commercial Exchange, cooperating in all the plans and purposes of those organizations for the benefit and upbuilding of the city.

That his reading and study have been along broad and significant lines is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the American Economic Association, the American Academy of Political and Social Science and is a fellow of the Royal Economic Society of Great Britain and of other organizations, foreign and domestic, working along the same lines of investigation and research. He is a member of the State Charity Association and he is well known as a writer

against socialism. His opinions are formed from broad investigation and practical experience. He is indeed a broad-minded man to whom life has been purposeful and full of opportunities, which he has utilized for the benefit of his fellows. He belongs to that public-spirited, useful and helpful type of men whose ambitions and desires are concentrated and directed into those channels through which flow the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number. He feels the most hearty concern in the public welfare and has been most helpful in bringing about moral reform and progress. He feels strongly that life should be shaped according to the highest moral laws. He lays strong stress on the doctrine of man's free will, is a believer in marriage as a divine institution and a believer in future life. He is opposed most strongly to materialism, no matter under what name it appears. He advocates moral education in the public schools, feeling that it is necessary for the preservation of civilization to teach morality not only in the home but in the school. He is friendly to all moral education and believes that man's success and happiness in life depend upon his own moral character regardless of his environment. The entire trend of his thought is along the line of uplift and advancement, and his work has been beneficially resultant.

WILLIAM LYON.

The mere accumulation of wealth never causes an individual to be remembered for any length of time, but when the attainment of success is the expression of real ability and power and when added to success there are qualities of kindliness, of generosity, of integrity, of appreciation of the worth of others, it is certain that the individual will leave the impress of his individuality upon the lives of those with whom he becomes associated. Such was the record of William Lyon, who gained a foremost position in the business circles of Burlington and in the hearts of his colleagues and contemporaries. Life was to him purposeful and his acts were resultant, and he leaves behind him a family who are carrying forward the good work which he commenced.

Mr. Lyon was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1847, the only son of Thomas Harvey and Jane (McMillan) Lyon. The Lyon family was first established on American soil in New Jersey, whence a removal was made to Pennsylvania prior to the Revolu-

tionary war. General Lyon, the hero of the battle of Wilson's Creek, an engagement of the Civil war, was descended from the same ancestry. Thomas Harvey Lyon was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1819, and made farming his life work, although he early learned the carpenter's trade. He came of English ancestry but the family has long been represented in the new world, the grandfather of William Lyon having served as a soldier in the War of 1812. Thomas Harvey Lyon became the owner of a large farm in Washington county and thereon reared his family. He married Jane McMillan, a daughter of the Rev. John McMillan, who was of Scotch-Irish descent. The McMillan family was founded in America by William and Margaret (Rea) McMillan, who emigrated from the north of Ireland in 1742 and settled at Fagg's Manor in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where they remained until called to their final rest. Both were interred in the churchyard at Chartiers, Washington county, Pennsylvania. The McMillans were strict Presbyterians and have furnished to the ministry of that church a number of well known representatives who have been most earnest, zealous and consecrated workers for the faith. This number included Rev. John McMillan, who was a distinguished divine of the Presbyterian church. It is authentically known that he was the first established Presbyterian minister west of the Allegheny mountains and to him is due the credit of having founded Jefferson College of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the Chartiers and Pigeon Creek churches, all of which are historic institutions. He delivered his first sermon at the Chartiers church near Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, August 25, 1775. His daughter, Jane McMillan, as previously stated, became the wife of Thomas Harvey Lyon but died when only twenty-four years of age, and Mr. Lyon afterward wedded Miss Lydia Cheeseman.

William Lyon, whose name introduces this review, was but fifteen years of age when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a drummer boy of Company H, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Militia in September, 1862. He participated in the battle of Antietam and afterward reenlisted in the Fourth Tennessee Pioneer Corps as a drummer. He took part in the battle of Franklin and the second battle of Nashville and was mustered out in the early part of 1865, having made a most creditable military record, displaying valor and loyalty equal to that of many a veteran of twice or thrice his years. He possessed natural mechanical ingenuity and handled tools from early childhood, learning much of their use from his father, who was a millwright. After the war he worked at the millwright's trade

until 1866 and then decided to come to the west, making Burlington his destination. For many years he was one of the leading contractors of the city, erecting some of the fine business blocks and dwellings, including the Donahue & McCash iron store, Bodaman's block, the Glazeby factory, the marble store of Donahue, McCash & Company, the business block of O'Brien & Valentine and the dwellings of Benton J. Hall, Colonel Higbee, N. S. Young and Robert Donahue. In addition to conducting an extensive business as a contractor and builder Mr. Lyon also engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds but sold his plant in 1877 and in January of that year became one of the incorporators of the Burlington Lumber Company, assuming the duties of superintendent of the milling department. This mill was then largely in the hands of Messrs. Rand and Carson and the business was one of the most important lumber enterprises of the central Mississippi. From the time that he started out on his own account William Lyon made steady progress in his business career. He saw possibilities and utilized them and he readily discriminated between the essential and the nonessential in everything pertaining to his business. He was a master in his line and in all of his industrial and commercial connections he followed progressive methods and sought his success by the upbuilding of his own interests rather than by concentrating his energies upon the destruction of other concerns. He attacked everything with a contagious enthusiasm and his energy brought to him a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. Lyon gave his political allegiance to the democratic party in early life but afterward became an independent voter. He belonged to Mathias Post, No. 5, G. A. R., and to Washington Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., and was always most loyal to the teachings and purposes of those organizations. He was a strong prohibitionist, advocating temperance both by precept and example, and his entire career exemplified many sterling principles worthy of emulation.

On the 16th of August, 1866, Mr. Lyon was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Barkley, of Washington county, Pennsylvania, who was there born and reared, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Barkley. The latter died at the birth of her daughter, Mrs. Lyon, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1846. She died December 5, 1913, and was laid to rest in Aspen Grove cemetery beside her husband. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lyon were consistent and prominent members of the Presbyterian church, in which he filled all of the offices and in the work of which he took a most active and helpful part. He served as president of the building committee during the erection of the handsome new church edifice

owned by the Presbyterians of Burlington and at all times both he and his wife did everything in their power to advance the moral progress and promote the best development of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lyon were born five children, all of whom are yet living and who honor and revere the memory of their parents. The eldest, John McMillan Lyon, married Miss Mary D. Cassingham and lives in La Harpe, Illinois, where he owns and conducts a lumber yard. He is also connected with the bank and other business undertakings, and in his unfaltering enterprise and sound business judgment are found strong elements in the success of these different concerns. He is also a leading member of the Congregational church, in which he has held all of the offices and also has charge of the church music. To him and his wife have been born three sons: John Boyd, who is now a sophomore at the University of Illinois at Champaign; Arthur E., who is in school in La Harpe; and Kenneth Cassingham, also attending school there. William Edgar Lyon, the second son of William Lyon, is engaged in the lumber and coal business at Carthage, Illinois. He is a very prominent member of the Presbyterian church there and is equally active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. He married Miss Susan Viola Tyner, of Carthage, and they have three children: Emily Margaret, who is a senior in the Carthage high school; Orville Edgar, a freshman in the same school; and Jared Tyner, who is attending the grammar schools of Carthage. Lydia Bell Lyon, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lyon, attended the grammar schools of Burlington, the Baptist Institute of Burlington, afterward spent one year in Gittings Seminary at La Harpe, Illinois, and is a graduate of Parsons College of Fairfield, Iowa. She now owns and occupies the old home at No. 414 High street, Burlington, and is a very capable business woman, possessing good executive ability, and at the same time her life is filled with kindly deeds which make her beloved by all. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and takes an active and helpful interest in its various lines of work. Charles Lyon, fourth member of the family, is a member of the Noelke-Lyon Manufacturing Company. He wedded Miss Hattie Millspaugh, of Burlington, and they have a family of nine children, all born in Missouri or in Iowa: William Barkley, born in Packwood, Iowa, is now a senior in the Burlington high school; Ruth E., born in Packwood, Iowa, is a senior in the North Hill school of Burlington; Margaret Irene, born in Kahoka, Missouri, and Harriet Elizabeth and Mabel Shelby, born in Palmyra, Missouri, are attending grammar school in Burlington; Esther Viola, born in Palmyra, Missouri, is a student in

the North Hill school; Harvey McMillan, born in Palmyra, Missouri, is attending kindergarten; Clara Grace was born in Burlington, Iowa; and John Millspaugh is a native of Burlington. The fifth member of the family is Catherine Elizabeth Lyon, now the wife of Bert S. Thomas. She is a graduate of the Free Kindergarten College of Chicago, which she entered after attending the Burlington high school and Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa. She taught for a time at Long Beach, California, where she remained for two years. Later she became the wife of Mr. Thomas, a native of Iowa, and they now reside at The Dalles, Oregon, where he is connected with the Crandall undertaking business. The members of the Lyon family have ever been afforded excellent educational advantages, for the parents realized the value of intellectual training as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. The eldest son, John Lyon, is a graduate of Parsons College of Fairfield, while William E. was graduated from Elliott's Business College of Burlington, as was his brother Charles. At the time of the death of the father, William Lyon, his wife, sons and daughters formed a corporation which is known as the William Lyon Corporation and is still in existence. All of the sons of Mr. Lyon and his two daughters, Miss Lydia and Mrs. Thomas, are financially interested in the Rand Lumber Company and also in the Burlington Lumber Company.

The family have also been greatly interested in church and Sunday school work. Mrs. Lyon was an esteemed and loyal member of the Presbyterian church and was greatly interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, making liberal contribution toward the erection of its new building. She also gave generously to many charitable and benevolent projects and to the plans for the upbuilding of the city. She possessed many womanly graces and those traits of character which endeared her to all. For a time she survived her husband, who died very suddenly July 11, 1910, and was laid to rest in Aspen Grove cemetery. He was a man of fine physique and attractive appearance and his face bore the impress of a character whose salient traits were such as ever commanded for him the highest respect and regard. Starting out in the business world in a comparatively humble position, he steadily worked his way upward, advancing step by step until he reached a place of prominence. He possessed untiring energy, keen insight and the ability which enabled him to discriminate readily between the essential and the nonessential. As the years passed on, his force, capacity and enterprise were recognized by other capable business men and he came into close connection with important commercial and manufacturing interests. He had qualities

of kindliness and geniality and of appreciation of the worth of others that made him very popular with his employes. His strict honesty won for him the unqualified respect of the entire community and he well merited the high esteem in which he was uniformly held. He was unpretentious and unassuming in manner but his sterling traits shone forth and could not be concealed even by his innate modesty. He had all the characteristics of a good citizen, husband and father and he left behind him a record of which his family have every reason to be proud.

ALLEN E. MILLER.

Allen E. Miller, who carries on general farming on section 17, Yellow Springs township, is one of the native sons of Des Moines county, his birth having occurred in Franklin township on the 16th of December, 1867. His parents were Miles M. and Sarah J. (Shepard) Miller, who were also natives of this county, the former born November 11, 1842, and the latter April 12, 1846. The mother is now living in Mediapolis. The Miller family has long been represented in this county, five generations of the family having lived here. The great-grandfather, John Miller, came with his son, John S., in 1836, the family home being established near the Green College schoolhouse. His last days were spent in Franklin township. The grandparents of Allen E. Miller were John S. and Malinda (Bishop) Miller, natives of Indiana. They arrived in this county in 1836, settling in Franklin township, where Mr. Miller entered land from the government. Iowa was at that time part of the Northwest Territory and it seemed that the work of progress and development had scarcely been begun within the borders of the present state. He became an active factor in advancing the agricultural interests of Des Moines county and in other ways contributed to the upbuilding of this section. In the later years of their lives he and his wife took up their abode in Mediapolis, where he passed away in 1877, while her death occurred about 1878. They had a family of two sons and five daughters, including Miles M. Miller.

The last named was engaged in farming until about 1903, when he retired and took up his abode in the town, there spending his remaining days, his death occurring September 7, 1913. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company C, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, with which he served for

three years. He joined the army as a private and was raised to the rank of sergeant. He was slightly wounded in the battle of Missionary Ridge, and he participated in many important engagements. Some time after his return from the war he removed to Mount Pleasant, where he spent four years in order to give his children the benefit of education in the city schools there. The remainder of his life was devoted actively to farming. He started out with one hundred and sixty acres of the old Sheppard place and as the years passed on won a substantial measure of prosperity, having at his death six hundred and twelve acres all in one body. In addition to tilling the soil and the production of crops best adapted to climatic conditions he engaged in stock-raising. He was active as a stalwart supporter of the republican party and was at one time mayor of Mediapolis, in which connection he exercised his official prerogatives in support of various measures for the public good. He held membership in the Presbyterian church in Mediapolis and also in the Grand Army post there.

His wife is a daughter of William Sheppard, a native of New Jersey, who came to Iowa in 1845 and settled in Franklin township. He taught school in a log schoolhouse in Round Prairie and otherwise was identified with the early development and progress of the county. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, for death claimed him during the cholera scourge of 1850 while he was hauling lumber for his house. His widow remained upon the farm with her six small children to the time of her death, which occurred in 1868. She bore the maiden name of Phoebe Husted. It was their daughter Sarah J. who became the wife of Miles M. Miller, and by this marriage there were born ten children: Allen E.; Eva, the deceased wife of E. B. Conklin; Frances, who died at the age of fifteen years; Cora, who died in infancy; Bessie, who died at the age of five years; John S., of Yellow Springs township; Mattie, the wife of T. A. Merrill, of Mediapolis; Hattie, the wife of F. L. Coe, of Mediapolis; and twins who died in infancy.

Allen E. Miller has spent his entire life in this county and has always followed the occupation of farming. He owns one hundred and twenty acres which originally belonged to his father and his farm is a well developed and highly improved tract of land equipped with many modern accessories and conveniences. He has carefully and systematically carried on his farm work and his efforts have been attended with a gratifying measure of prosperity. He has also been president of the Mediapolis Mutual Telephone Company, with which he was thus connected for four years.

In 1888 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Cora Lee Lusk, who was born in Franklin township, May 17, 1867, a daughter of Hamilton Marion and Helen Mar (Gillette) Lusk, natives of Indiana and of Ohio respectively. The mother died August 3, 1900, at the age of sixty-two years, and the father passed away in 1870 at the age of thirty-five. They were pioneer residents of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of six children: Lena Hazel, now the wife of Theodore Blake, of Huron township; John Russell; June Carroll; Orville Hobart; Daniel Lusk; and Helen Frances.

Mr. Miller and his family attend the Presbyterian church, in which he holds membership. He belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is now serving for the eighth year as township trustee, a fact which indicates his fidelity in the office. He is also a trustee of the Mediapolis Presbyterian church. He takes great interest in the Mediapolis Chautauqua and has camped with them every year since the organization was formed. He stands at all times for progress and improvement along material, political, social, intellectual and moral lines, and his influence has been a potent element for good. He represents one of the old and honored pioneer families and the work instituted by his great-grandfather and his grandfather and carried on by his father is being continued by him. All have borne their part in the work of general improvement and the family name has ever been an honored one in this county.

CHARLES F. STOCKMANN.

Learning the tinsmith's trade in early life, Charles F. Stockmann has from that time made steady advancement in the business world and is now the proprietor of a well appointed hardware store and tin shop in West Burlington. He was born in Oquawka, Illinois, July 16, 1864, a son of Valentine and Barbara (Cree) Stockmann. The father, a native of Germany, came to the United States in early manhood, attracted by the broader business opportunities which he believed might be enjoyed in the new world. In early life he learned the cooper's trade and after coming to the new world devoted many years to that business. He resided for a considerable period in Illinois and afterward removed to Kansas, where his remaining days

were passed. His widow still survives him and now makes her home in Burlington.

In their family were ten children, all of whom reached adult age, while eight are yet living. The family record is as follows. May is the wife of Theodore Landhauser, of Burlington. Henry makes his home near Portland, Oregon. Louise is the wife of Louis Cook, also a resident of Burlington. Charles F. is the next of the family. Minnie is the wife of Gus Bonn, a resident of Burlington. Emma became the wife of Harry Bartell and died at Butte, Montana. Lizzie is the present wife of Harry Bartell and they still retain their residence in Butte. J. William, who is a partner of his brother Charles, married Amanda Farrell, of Iowa City, and they make their home in West Burlington. Laura became the wife of James Weddell and passed away in Chicago. Edward is a traveling salesman and resides in Burlington.

Charles F. Stockmann acquired his public-school education in Kansas, to which state he removed with his parents in early childhood days. In 1883, when nineteen years of age, he came to Burlington and for a few months was in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He then returned to his native city and there learned the tinner's trade, after which he worked at the trade in various places. Later, however, he again came to Burlington and once more secured a position in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He also worked in various other cities and for thirteen years was in St. Louis. In 1900 he came to West Burlington, where he opened a tin shop and in 1903 he was joined by his brother, J. W. Stockmann, in a partnership that still continues. Their first location was on Broadway but in 1906 they removed to their present quarters at No. 115 Mount Pleasant street, where they occupy a store twenty by sixty feet, carrying a large line of shelf and heavy hardware. In the rear they have a tin shop completely equipped for doing all kinds of work in that line. The lot which their business occupies is one hundred feet in depth. Theirs is the leading hardware business of West Burlington and they enjoy an extensive trade which is steadily growing. It is their earnest endeavor at all times to please their patrons and their courtesy and consideration, their promptness and commercial integrity are the leading factors in their success.

In 1894 Mr. Stockmann was united in marriage to Miss Clara Fredenberg, of Red Bud, Illinois. Their marriage was celebrated in St. Louis and they have become the parents of two children, Myrtle and Amelia, both at home. Mr. Stockmann has membership with the

Knights of Pythias and with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He may truly be called a self-made man, for from the age of nineteen years he has depended solely upon his own resources, nor did he have any assistance from influential friends. He has worked his way upward by diligence, persistency of purpose and unfaltering industry and there have been few idle moments in his entire life. The success which ultimately crowns earnest labor, however, is today his and he is numbered among the prosperous merchants of West Burlington.

J. F. SCHUIRMANN.

J. F. Schuirmann is the president of the Appleton Manufacturing Company and of the Cooperative Supply Company of Burlington, in which connections he is bending his efforts toward administrative direction and executive control, thereby developing the business along substantial and gratifying lines. He was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, on the 12th of June, 1871, a son of F. J. Schuirmann, who was also a native of that country, born February 2, 1838. His youth and early manhood were spent in Hanover and he there married Elizabeth Junkhoff, who was born in Germany in 1831 and died in 1902.

J. F. Schuirmann was a lad of ten summers when he accompanied his parents on their emigration from the fatherland to the new world. After reaching American shores they came direct to Iowa, settling in Butler county, where he spent about a year in school. He then began work as a cattle herder or cowboy and devoted the succeeding ten years of his life to that business. In the meantime his father purchased a small farm and on the expiration of that decade J. F. Schuirmann began working for his father, with whom he remained until twenty-seven years of age. He then turned his attention to the real-estate business, handling farm lands, and he was active along that line until about seven years ago, when he came to Burlington, seeking a broader and more profitable field of labor.

Mr. Schuirmann took his time to look around for something which suited him and ultimately purchased the interest of Mr. Appleton in the Appleton Manufacturing Company, which at that time was a rather small concern engaged in the production of post cards, novelties, etc. The business has since been increased until they are now in control of a large volume of trade extending throughout the United States and they furnish employment to twelve workmen. In 1911

Mr. Schuirmann founded the Cooperative Supply Company, a corporation which has a number of stockholders and is engaged in handling coal, wood and groceries. This company also started in a very small way but the business has grown to large proportions and they are planning to erect a very large store building in the near future. The efforts of Mr. Schuirmann have been a valuable contribution in the growth of both undertakings with which he is now connected. As president of the companies he has largely directed their policy and shaped their course and that his business judgment is sound is manifest in the results.

Mr. Schuirmann was united in marriage to Miss Hattie De Vries, of Butler county, Iowa, on the 18th of March, 1895, and they have seven children, all now in school except the youngest, who is but four years of age.

Mr. Schuirmann has membership relations with the Loyal Order of Moose and belongs to the Baptist church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful part. In 1912 he was a candidate for mayor on the socialist ticket and made a very strong race for the office. He is truly a self-made man and as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well. There were no special advantages to aid him at the outset and no influential friends to advance his interests, but he builded upon the sure and safe foundation of diligence, persistency of purpose and thorough reliability and today he occupies a creditable place in the business circles of Burlington, while his character worth commands for him the respect and confidence of all.

MARK F. DERBY.

For a period of thirty-eight years Mark F. Derby has occupied a prominent position on the stage of industrial activity in Burlington and his business has ever been of a nature beneficial to the public in supplying a needed commodity and in furnishing employment to a large force of workmen. Moreover, in his business dealings he has always been thoroughly reliable and in all things in his life record has measured up to high standards of manhood and of citizenship.

He is a native son of Burlington, born in 1852, his parents being Albingence Newton and Caroline (Roper) Derby. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, made the overland trip to Iowa in 1846 and since that time the name of Derby has figured in connection with flour manufacturing in Burlington, for following his arrival the

father established a flour mill in connection with Mark S. Foote upon the location now occupied by his son, whose name introduces this review. The father continued actively in the flour-milling business until 1861, when, aroused by the spirit of patriotism he responded to the country's call for troops and put aside all business and personal considerations in order to aid his country at the front. He went to the war as chief engineer on a gun boat and laid down his life on the altar of his country, dying while in the service in 1862. His wife survived only until 1863. They were the parents of three children: Newton R., who was reared in Burlington and was engaged in the milling business until his death on the 29th of April, 1913, ranked with the representative business men of the city, his capability and trustworthiness gaining for him the high regard and confidence of all with whom he was brought in contact. He married Belle McCash, who survives him together with one of their three children. Laura C. and Mark F. are the younger members of the family.

The last named pursued a high-school education until he reached the age of fourteen years, when he started out to earn his own living in connection with the lumber business. In 1876 he began the manufacture of flour and has since been active in that field. He conducted business under the name of N. R. Derby & Company from 1876 until the organization of the present firm ten years later, his partner in the enterprise being his older brother. Their location was at Washington street and Central avenue and here the business has since been continued. In 1886 a reorganization was effected under the name of the Derby Mills Company with N. R. and M. F. Derby as managers. The same year the plant was rebuilt and equipped with new machinery and furnished with steam power. The plant has a capacity of one hundred and fifty barrels daily and the output is chiefly the Bakewell brands of flour. Such is the excellence of the product that it is shipped to many points throughout Iowa and Illinois. From the beginning the business has steadily grown in volume and importance and the success of the undertaking is attributable to the progressive and reliable methods which were instituted at the outset and which have since been continued. In addition to manufacturing flour Mr. Derby conducts a sash and door factory at the same location and the output of that concern is also widely shipped. He employs today more than sixty men in his factories and his business affairs are important elements in the manufacturing circles of the city.

Mr. Derby was united in marriage to Miss Jane Young, of Burlington, a daughter of William Young, who was a native of Pennsylvania but at an early age came to Burlington and here conducted

business as a contractor. His daughter Jane was born in this city and by her marriage has become the mother of four children: Ralph A., who is married and resides in Albany, New York; Caroline S., at home; Marion, the wife of J. Henry Smith, by whom she has three children; and Newton M., who is associated with his father in business. He, too, is married.

Mr. Derby holds membership in the Elks lodge, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Commercial Exchange, the Launch Club, the Carthage Lake Club and the Hawkeye Natives. He is also a member of the Congregational church. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. He is a sound-minded man who has learned many valuable lessons in the school of experience. He has ever sought for advancement and improvement along all lines which touch the general interests of society as well as for his own benefit. He maintains an unassailable reputation for business integrity and in social circles he is popular because of his unfeigned cordiality and geniality.

MARK SYLVESTER FOOTE.

Mark S. Foote, who for many years resided in Burlington, Iowa, was one of the strongest factors in promoting industrial growth within the state. He was interested in a number of important enterprises and particularly the district of which Burlington is the center profited by his activities. Mr. Foote was born in Middlebury, Vermont, August 21, 1823, and was a son of Justus and Harriet S. (Graham) Foote, whose history is extensively set forth in connection with the sketch of the Hon. John Graham Foote, appearing in this work. The family is of most distinguished ancestry, the first American progenitor having come to this country in the early days of the Massachusetts Bay colony. A complete record of the forbears of our subject is given in connection with the sketch of his brother.

Mark S. Foote received his education in Potsdam, New York, and in 1840, at the age of seventeen, went to St. Louis, Missouri, and from there to Mobile, Alabama, where he remained during the following winter. He then returned to St. Louis, remaining in that city until February, 1845, when he came to Burlington, Iowa. In 1846 he became a partner of Charles Hendrie and they engaged in the foun-

dry and machine business. The concern enjoyed prosperity from the start and in 1848 Mr. Foote extended his interests by building in partnership with E. D. Rand, Charles Hendrie and Moses Foote the first planing mill in Iowa. He disposed of his foundry interests in 1852 and then bought out his partners, Messrs. Rand and Hendrie, in the planing mill, entering at the same time the lumber business, along which line he dealt entirely in Chicago lumber. In 1857 he disposed of his interests and with his brother-in-law, John H. Gear, entered the wholesale grocery business, successfully continuing therein until 1870, when he sold his share in the concern to Mr. Gear. He then bought, in company with others, the old Hendrie foundry, of which he was one of the original owners, and operated the same for a number of years, at the end of which time he engaged in the wholesale paper business, in which he continued until 1876. In 1877 he became one of the organizers of the Burlington Water Company and was employed by the Holly Company to superintend their interests during the construction of the plant, which was built and turned over to the Water Company in June, 1878. In 1880 Mr. Foote founded the Steam Supply Company of Burlington, which he constructed according to his own plans and which he managed until 1883. This firm had for its purpose the furnishing of heat to business houses and residences from a central source. In the same year Mr. Foote assisted in building the Hoxton Steam Heater plant at Kewanee, Illinois, and in 1884 originated the project for the Burlington Roller Mills. He worked out the plans and arrangements for this entire plant. Subsequently he engaged in the construction of a number of buildings and also installed steam heating plants for several years prior to his death. He also had charge of the property interests in Burlington of Mrs. Remey, widow of the well known admiral.

Mr. Foote was one of the most important factors in the building of Burlington, as can readily be perceived from his record. He was connected with all of the early projects for improvement and was one of the most forceful men in the commercial growth and development of the city. Beside the interests above mentioned he was a stockholder in the Burlington and Mount Pleasant Plank Road; the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad; the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad; the Burlington & Carthage Railroad; and the Burlington Gas Company. He was a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Burlington and the Burlington Iron Works. Beside superintending the construction of the Burlington Waterworks, the Steam Supply plants and the Burlington Rolling Mills, he had charge of the construction of the Hawkeye Woolen Mills and various

other industrial enterprises. He was a man of great business energy and of an executive ability that permitted him to handle a number of enterprises successfully at the same time. His activities proved of the greatest worth to the city in which he resided and Burlington honors him as one of its foremost promoters.

On December 10, 1851, Mr. Foote was united in marriage at St. Louis, Missouri, to Miss Mary S. Mauro, a daughter of W. H. Mauro, a well known pioneer of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Foote had eight children, of whom five survive, as follows: Mrs. Harry Squires, Mark M., Mrs. Helen S. Hayes, Mrs. Eliza W. Lawler and Moses G.

In his early life Mr. Foote was a whig and later gave his support to the republican party. Although he took an active interest in government affairs he never sought public honors. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and carried the charitable principles of that organization into his every-day life. He was a large-hearted, generous man who would further any cause that he considered worthy of his support without considering individual gain, and throughout his long career proved himself most public spirited. When he passed away, February 13, 1904, he was in his eighty-first year and with him there went from life one of the most important figures in the history of the state. His memory is cherished by the many who knew him and who esteemed him for his qualities of intellect and character.

REV. THOMAS F. GALLIGAN.

Rev. Thomas F. Galligan, pastor of St. Paul's church of Burlington since September 4, 1909, was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, in 1873. He is a graduate of Holy Cross College of Worcester, Massachusetts, of the class of 1894, and of St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore, Maryland, of the class of 1898. Having completed his course in the latter institution, he was then ordained to the priesthood at the cathedral at Baltimore, Maryland, by Cardinal Gibbons and was assigned to duty as assistant at St. Peter's church in Keokuk, Iowa. Later he was transferred to St. Mary's church in Tipton, Iowa, and also had charge of a mission at Cedar Valley, known as St. Joseph's church, for ten years. In 1909 he came to Burlington, entering upon his duties here on the 4th of September as pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church. He has become popular with his parishioners because of his deep interest in their welfare



REV. THOMAS F. CALLIGAN

and his ready sympathy as well as his devotion to the cause. The history of the church of which he is pastor is given at length on another page of this volume.

COLONEL E. D. TROSTLE.

Colonel E. D. Trostle, who is engaged in the real-estate business and in auctioneering in Mediapolis, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1868, a son of William and Catharine (Diller) Trostle, who were also natives of the same county. The father died there in 1875, at the age of fifty-one years, after which the mother went to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where she passed away in 1909, at the age of seventy-one years. The ancestry of the family can be traced back through several generations to the great-grandfather of our subject, who came from Germany and settled in the Keystone state during the colonial epoch in the history of this country.

Colonel Trostle was one of a family of eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, of whom the sons and two daughters are yet living. He was only seven years of age when he lost his father and almost immediately afterward he began making his own way in the world, working for two dollars and a half per month. When eighteen years of age he removed to the middle west, settling in Monmouth, Illinois, and in that locality he worked as a farm hand for eleven years. He had no home save where he worked up to the time of his marriage, when he established a home of his own. In 1898 he came to Mediapolis, Iowa. During the past twenty-six years he has engaged in the auctioneering business and has conducted more than sixteen hundred sales. He also carried on farming until about nine years ago but since that time has concentrated his energies upon auctioneering and the real-estate business, making a specialty of handling Iowa farm lands. In the real-estate business he is a partner of Charles E. Lee, the firm conducting business under the style of Trostle & Lee. Both branches of his business are bringing to him success, for he is energetic, determined, resourceful and ambitious—qualities which always win substantial results.

Colonel Trostle has been married twice. In 1893 he wedded Miss Sadie Sawin, who was born in Kirkwood, Illinois, and died in Mediapolis in 1898, leaving two children, Catharine Gertrude and William Spencer. In 1901 Colonel Trostle was united in marriage to

Miss Mary Cocayne, who was born in Missouri, and they have one child, Everett Hanson.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Colonel Trostle has voted with the republican party and is in thorough sympathy with its purposes and principles. For the past five years he has served as city alderman of Mediapolis and does everything in his power to promote the welfare and advance the best interests of the community. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

A. E. CAVE.

A. E. Cave purchased an interest in the Burlington Coal Company and became its manager in 1911. He owns the greater part of the stock in the business and manages his interests with an ability that has developed through his former years of active connection with the coal trade.

Mr. Cave is of Canadian birth. He was born in Ontario in 1887, a son of William Frederick and Emma L. (Harrington) Cave, the former a native of Canada and the latter of the state of New York. They were married, however, in the father's native country and there he followed the occupation of farming until 1892, when he came to the United States in company with Harry Hamilton and others, who were interested in a rolling mill at Burlington. For a short time he was connected with that business but in 1895 organized the Cave Coal Company and was thus identified with the coal trade until his death, which occurred May 10, 1911. He was thus for a long period well known in business circles of Burlington and his many substantial traits of character gained him high regard. His widow still survives.

They were the parents of nine children. Emma is the wife of F. B. Wilson, a resident of Burlington and a son of Captain Wilson, of Cleveland, Ohio. R. M. is foreman for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy machine shop. Edward H. is editor of the Recreation magazine of New York City. James F., a resident of Burlington, is connected with the Royal Colliery Company of Chicago. Gertrude possesses marked musical talent as a pianist and composer and resides in Buffalo, New York. A. E. is the next of the family. Olive is the wife of A. D. Davis and they reside in Winona, Minnesota. Coral is a resident of Buffalo, New York. Roderick, who completes the

family, is still in Burlington. After the death of the father the family sold their interest in the Cave Coal Company.

A. E. Cave was largely reared in Burlington and attended the public schools of this city. He spent three and one-half years in Drake University at Des Moines and afterward was a student in the North Dakota Agricultural College, so that his educational training well qualified him for important and responsible duties in the business world. Following his father's death and the sale of the business of the Cave Coal Company he purchased an interest in the Burlington Coal Company and became manager in 1911. He is now principal owner of the business, which has assumed large and gratifying proportions and is capably conducted under his direction.

Mr. Cave votes independently, preferring to support those candidates and measures which he deems best suited to advance the public welfare rather than to follow blindly the dictates of a party leader. He is fond of outdoor sports and is an enthusiastic member of the Tennis Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of the blue lodge, the commandery and the Shrine. His life embodies the high ethical teachings of the craft, and he recognizes in his dealings with his fellowmen the principle of human brotherhood.

HARRY D. LEAK.

Among the retired farmers of Des Moines county now living in Burlington is numbered Harry D. Leak, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, December 14, 1857, his parents being Martin and Jane (Thompson) Leak. The father was a native of New Brunswick, while the mother's birth occurred in Ireland, whence she was brought to the United States by her parents when four years of age. The voyage was a long and tedious one, covering twenty-one weeks on the ocean. For many years the parents of our subject resided at St. Johns, New Brunswick, and there both the father and mother passed away, the death of the latter occurring in March, 1913, when she was eighty-two years of age, while the father died about seven or eight years ago at the age of seventy-six years. His entire life was devoted to farming but he was a natural mechanic and could build anything in wood. He also possessed considerable musical talent and after once hearing a musical selection he could play it upon his violin. Earnest Christian principles guided him and his wife in all life's relations and

they were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In their family were six sons and three daughters: Samuel, now living in Greene county, Iowa; Harry D.; John, whose home is in New Brunswick; Mrs. Mary Jane Dunlap, who died in Canada; George, whose home is in Burlington; Jacob, of Montana; James, living in St. John, New Brunswick; Ada Allen, of New Brunswick; and Maude, who died at the age of seventeen years.

Harry D. Leak was largely reared in St. Johns and when twenty-one years of age went west, spending some time in Kansas and Colorado, where he engaged in speculating in land and cattle. He remained in that section of the country for three years and lost much of his money in his business ventures there. About twenty-eight years ago he came to Des Moines county and purchased a part of the old Peter Smith estate. Upon that place he conducted a dairy until three years ago, when he sold his farm, which was located a quarter of a mile southwest of the city limits. Throughout all the years he had carefully and systematically developed his fields, as well as conducted his dairy interests, and success attended him in his efforts. He and his brother George are now engaged in selling Texas lands on the Rio Grande and conduct many excursions to that section of the country. He also has extensive land interests in Canada and Nebraska.

In November, 1881, Mr. Leak was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Bresteine, who was born in Illinois and came to Des Moines county about a year prior to her marriage. They have five living children. Dr. K. S. Leak, the eldest, is now a practicing dentist of Burlington. Julia Edith is the wife of Walter Steinbrecher, of the Wolverine Oil Company of New York. Ruth Madeline is the wife of L. A. Becket, a graduate of the Kansas State College and a resident of Garden City, Kansas. Harry W., a student at the Iowa State College at Ames, has made a brilliant success with his invention of a sanitary garbage receptacle and is now receiving a handsome royalty on the same from the Kirk Manufacturing Company. David Allen, the youngest of the family, is preparing to enter Harvard University. All of the children were born in this county and have been provided with good educational advantages. Mr. and Mrs. Leak also lost one child, Georgia Maude, who was born December 25, 1888, and died August 9, 1890.

Mr. Leak exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and he holds membership in the First Methodist Episcopal church. He is not only a self-made man financially but is also self-educated. His opportunities to attend school were extremely limited, but as the years have gone on he has

proven his worth and ability in many connections and has won a substantial measure of success. His life has indeed been an active and useful one and commands for him the respect of those with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

NATHANIEL M. MCKITTERICK, M. D.

Dr. Nathaniel M. McKitterick, of Burlington, has been engaged in the practice of medicine continuously since 1880 and in this period, covering more than a third of a century, has won a creditable position among those whose knowledge and skill place them in the front rank in coping with the intricate problems of disease. Burlington numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred October 5, 1857. His parents were Edward and Mary C. (Massie) McKitterick. The father was born in Ireland in 1830 and after spending the first fourteen years of his life on the Emerald isle crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1844, settling at Chillicothe, Ohio, where he remained until 1854, when he became a resident of Burlington. Embarking in merchandising, he was thus engaged in business here until 1880, after which he devoted his energies to manufacturing interests and in 1896 he was appointed an auditor in the treasury department at Washington, D. C., under President McKinley and later served under President Roosevelt. His wife was a daughter of Nathaniel Massie and a granddaughter of Nathaniel Massie, Sr., who was one of the pioneers of Ohio, in which state her father was one of the early surveyors. It was in Chillicothe, Ohio, that Edward McKitterick and Mary C. Massie were married and they became the parents of seven children. The mother passed away in 1866.

Dr. McKitterick acquired a public-school education in Burlington and, having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, he afterward entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, in which he completed the regular course by graduation with the class of 1880. He was afterward connected with the Indian service in Dakota Territory, spending five years at the Sisseton-Wahpeton agency. In 1890 Dr. McKitterick returned to Burlington, where he has since remained in practice, and the intervening years have chronicled his growing success until he now occupies a prominent position among the able and learned members of the profession.

In 1888 Dr. McKitterick was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Hyslop, of Minnesota, and to them have been born three children: Edward H., now an ensign of the United States Navy; Robert, a mechanical engineer with the Santa Fe Railroad Company; and John, at home. Dr. McKitterick belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is somewhat independent, but with strong sympathy for the democratic party. He does not hesitate to cast a ballot for candidates of other parties, however, when in his judgment the best interests of the public will thus be conserved. He is ever active in matters of citizenship, feeling a pride in Burlington's advancement and progress and cooperating in all movements toward that end. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the Presbyterian church and has gained for him the warm regard, confidence and goodwill of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

GEORGE S. LEAKE.

George S. Leake, who is now engaged in dealing in lands in southern Texas, was born near Sussex, New Brunswick, on the 5th of April, 1865, his parents being Martin and Jane (Thompson) Leake. The father's birth occurred in St. Johns county, New Brunswick, and he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leake, the former a native of Holland and the latter of England. Coming to the new world, they spent the greater part of their lives upon a farm in Kings county, New Brunswick, but have now passed away. In their family were three sons and three daughters: William, Martin, Mary, Charlotte, Ann and Jacob. The mother of our subject was born in the north of Ireland, but was brought by her parents to the new world when a little maiden of four summers. She was a daughter of Samuel and Martha Thompson, both of whom died in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leake spent practically their entire lives upon a farm in New Brunswick and there reared their family. The father died in 1895 at the age of seventy-five years, and the mother passed away May 20, 1913, at the age of eighty-two years. In their family were nine children: Samuel T., who is living in Guthrie county, Iowa; Harry D.; John A., of New Brunswick; Mrs. Jane Dunlap, who died in Alberta, Canada; Jacob, of British Columbia; Ada Allen, of St. John; George S.; James M., living in Sussex, Canada; and Maude, deceased.

George S. Leake was reared upon the old homestead farm in St. Johns county, New Brunswick, until he attained his majority and acquired a common-school education. He arrived in Burlington, Iowa, in 1887 and joined his brother Harry, for whom he worked in the dairy business for two years. Since that time he has been connected with business interests in this section.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of George S. Leake and Miss Lillie H. Hunt, who was born in Burlington in 1862, a daughter of Samuel and Martha Hunt, who were natives of McDonough county, Illinois. They came as pioneers to Iowa in 1833, and their remaining days were spent upon a farm three miles west of the courthouse in Burlington. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Leake remained upon her father's farm until about two years ago. His wife inherited part of that property and Mr. Leake purchased the interests of the other heirs, becoming owner of seventy acres, which he carefully cultivated for more than two decades. He then sold out and took up his abode in Burlington, where he has now resided for the past four years, being engaged in the real estate business. He was connected with the Sanitary Milk Company from 1905 until 1909.

Mr. Leake holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He votes with the democratic party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His religious faith is that of the First Methodist Episcopal church and his life record has at all times been an honorable and upright one.

AUGUST STENSTROM.

August Stenstrom, living retired since 1906, was formerly closely connected with business interests in Burlington as a stone-mason, and determination and energy constituted the basis of the success which is now his, enabling him to rest from further labor and spend his remaining days in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He has now passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey. He was born in Sweden, August 20, 1841, and came to the United States in 1867, arriving in Chicago on the 12th of May. His parents were Anderson and Mary (Johnson) Stenstrom, who always remained residents of Sweden. Two sisters, however, came to the new world with August Stenstrom and one of these, Jennie, the widow of Charles Carlson, now lives in Minnesota.

August Stenstrom attended the public schools of his native country and, entering business circles, was employed at cutting stone for a railroad bridge. He was a young man of twenty-five years when he came to the United States and he afterward worked on the bridge at Dubuque, Iowa. In 1869 he began to take contracts for stone work and was first engaged to do the stone work in the building of the house for John Sherfey on High street in 1869. In 1871 he erected the stone building of the Merchants National Bank, obtaining the stone at Nauvoo, Illinois. In 1876 he purchased a stone quarry on upper Augusta road at Long Creek and has since operated it. Men are still engaged in quarrying stone there and to the business Mr. Stenstrom gives his general supervision, although he is not now active in the work. Among his employes is John Frebert, who has been in his employ for twenty-four years. As a stone-mason Mr. Stenstrom has done much work in this county and in Illinois. He has built several vaults in the cemetery. In 1880 he built the Carpenter, John Gregg and Boners stone fronts and he has laid many stone sidewalks. In 1884 he put in the stone front for Philip Andre where the I. S. Schramm dry-goods store is now standing. He built the schoolhouse in Dallas, Illinois, in 1896, the Congregational church in Galesburg, Illinois, in 1898, and in 1902 he had charge of the stone work on the poor farm in Burlington. In 1903 he formed a partnership relation, becoming connected with the Burlington Construction Company. He later built a bridge at Dallas, Illinois, and the next year, 1906, built the bank at Dallas, which was his last active work. Since then he has lived retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

In Sweden, on the 20th of December, 1863, Mr. Stenstrom was married to Miss Sarah Mary Anderson, who was born in Sweden, November 30, 1830, and died in Burlington in January, 1910. They were the parents of five children, of whom three have passed away. Mollie Josephine is the wife of Steve Linstrom and lives on the farm of Mr. Stenstrom at Long Creek, where the quarry is located. They have two sons, Leonard and Frederick, aged respectively sixteen and twelve years. Albertina is the wife of Asa Edward Brockway and they reside with her father. They have two children, Donald McNeill, aged seven, and Fay Dorothy, aged five. Mr. Brockway's mother, Mrs. Louisa C. Brockway, also lives with him.

In politics Mr. Stenstrom was always a republican until 1912, when he voted the democratic ticket. He and his wife are members of the Swedish Lutheran church and he has held all of the church offices. In 1873 he built the home which he still occupies and he also

owns several other residence properties which he rents. He came to America a poor man, but by economy and intelligently directed industry he built up a good business and now has many comforts which have been secured through his former activity along trade lines. He is plain and unassuming, yet there is no shadow of mock modesty about him. He has always been recognized as an expert mechanic, is a man of broad and liberal views and of splendid memory. He is also a man of fine physique and possesses a large heart that reaches out in sympathy, kindness and good cheer to all. Pleasant at all times and with all people, he numbers his friends among young and old, rich and poor.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The first organized Catholic church at Burlington was St. Paul's. Some work was done among the few Catholic families of Burlington as early as 1839, when the Very Rev. Samuel Mazzuchelli was instructed to do all in his power for the spiritual advancement of Burlington. When he visited the city about the beginning of the year 1839 he found among its population of two thousand about twenty-seven Catholic families, who were summoned to meet in the home of a pioneer, Tholmann by name, Father Mazzuchelli there celebrating the first mass ever offered in Burlington on the 17th of December. In the summer of 1840 he made frequent visits to Burlington and later he erected the first Catholic church of the city, a little structure thirty by fifty-five feet, with a basement so arranged that it could serve as a church and school. He continued to make missionary visits to St. Paul's until 1843, after which the church was cared for by Rev. J. A. M. Pelamorgues, Rev. J. C. Alleman and Rev. A. Godfert. In his frequent visits to southeastern Iowa, Rt. Rev. Bishop Loras made Burlington his headquarters and here administered baptismal rites and otherwise promoted the church work. The first regular pastor of St. Paul's was Rev. George Reffe, who was installed in September, 1848, and remained in Burlington until 1857. In 1851 the Rev. P. M. McGinnis was appointed to act as his assistant. Upon the retirement of Father Reffe, Rev. M. Kinsella was appointed pastor of St. Paul's in February, 1854, and remained to May, 1855, and was succeeded by Rev. Father Hannon. A year later Father Kinsella was reinstated in the pastorate of St. Paul's and remained until October, 1861, when Rev. J. B. Donelan became the priest in charge and so

continued until his death December 28, 1870. The next pastor was Rev. P. J. Morran, followed by Rev. Thomas Gunn, who bought the ground and built Lourdes Academy at a cost of twenty-eight thousand dollars. Father Gunn was succeeded by Rev. Clement Lowery and he was succeeded by the Rev. M. P. Kirkpatrick, who collected twelve thousand dollars and began the new St. Paul's church. He was succeeded by Rev. Bernard Mackin, who completed the church and built the new rectory with other improvements costing about seventy-five thousand dollars.

The corner stone of the church was laid October 23, 1892, and the structure completed and dedicated January 27, 1895. In September, 1909, Rev. Thomas F. Galligan, the present pastor, was appointed. The work of the parish school has been carried steadily forward. As early as 1843 there was a regularly organized Sunday school. The parish school was afterward started. The Christian Brothers at one time had charge. In the early '60s the Sisters of Charity, B. V. M., took charge of the parochial school and have since continued. In 1864 they had three rooms in their school. In 1875 the Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes was built at a cost of twenty-eight thousand dollars. The various sodalities and societies have been encouraged by the different pastors and the work of the church in all departments is in flourishing condition.

EDWARD F. DUNN.

Edward F. Dunn is the proprietor of Dunn's Hotel at Burlington and is also interested in farming, having valuable property holdings in this section of the state. He was born in McLean county, Illinois, October 3, 1875. His parents died before he was nine years of age and he had very little opportunity to attend school. He was thrown upon his own resources, and at the period when most boys are surrounded by home care and attention and giving their time to acquiring an education he had to go to work upon a farm in order to earn his own living. He was thus employed until sixteen years of age, after which he went to Gibson City, Illinois, where he was employed first in a canning factory and still later in a printing office. He picked up his education by studying at night and reading in his leisure moments, and in the school of experience he has learned many valuable lessons until he ranks today with the intelligent,

capable and well informed business men of Burlington, ready for any emergency and in all of his undertakings showing sound judgment.

Mr. Dunn came to Burlington in 1899 and worked as an engineer at the Burlington Hospital for eight months. He then had a chance to buy the old Vorhees Hotel, which was badly run down and in debt. He assumed the indebtedness and took charge of the hotel, which he greatly improved, discharging the financial obligations as fast as he could. For seven years he conducted that hotel, and on the 1st of June, 1907, he purchased the Hotel Metropole, the name of which he changed to Dunn's Hotel. This he has almost entirely rebuilt and has equipped it with all modern improvements, so that it is today one of the best hostelrys of Burlington. For two years he conducted both hotels, but sold the Vorhees in March, 1908. The hotel of which he is now the proprietor contains sixty-five rooms, many with private bath as well as all other modern conveniences. This is a three-story brick building and contains beside the sleeping apartments and office, two dining rooms, a billiard room and a pool room. In addition to his hotel property Mr. Dunn has invested his money in farm lands and owns one of the best farms in Des Moines county, comprising three hundred and sixty acres. The soil is rich and productive, and he makes a specialty of stockraising. Upon the place stands an elegant country residence, and it is supplied with all the modern equipments to be seen upon a model farm property. He also rents one hundred and forty acres of land, which he farms, and is now planting a total of five hundred acres. Upon his property is Starr's cave, one of the most picturesque and attractive places of natural beauty in this section of the country.

On the 1st of December, 1902, Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Dolly Montgomery, of Macomb, Illinois, who was educated in the public schools of that place and there pursued a business course. They have become the parents of three children: Miles Edward, eleven years of age; Herbert Milton, aged nine; and Edith May, seven years of age.

Mr. Dunn is independent in his political views, nor has he ever sought the honors or emoluments of public office. He is a member of the Methodist church and has guided his life according to its teachings. There is no history in this volume which indicates more clearly what may be accomplished through persistent and earnest effort than the life record of Edward F. Dunn and he well merits the high honor and respect which are everywhere accorded him. To be alone in the world at nine years of age, to have no one to look to for support or guidance and then to formulate principles which

result in the development of high character and upright manhood and to develop powers which lead to success—all this is a record of which any man might well be proud. It is the record of Edward Dunn, and Burlington honors him as one of her representative and valued citizens.

JOHN W. WARD.

Iowa has reason to be proud of the record made by her sons in the darkest hour of our country's history, for when the stability of the Union was threatened there were many who responded to the call for troops and no greater valor was displayed on southern battlefields than by those who came from this state. Among the number was John W. Ward, and there is no phase of army life with which he is not familiar. Through the greater part of the time since the war he has made his home in Burlington and is still actively engaged in carpentering, although he is now seventy-four years of age.

Mr. Ward was born in Dunkirk, New York, November 14, 1840, and is a son of Benjamin P. and Mary A. (Nichols) Ward, the former a native of New York, while the latter was born among the Green Mountains of Vermont. They were married in the state of New York and there resided until they came to Iowa about 1851, settling in Jackson county. Later they removed to Epworth, Dubuque county, where their remaining days were passed. In early life the father was a sailor on the Great Lakes and became a captain. Later he took up the trade of shoemaking, which he afterward followed throughout his connection with business interests. In the family were twelve children, of whom John W. is the eldest. He had one brother who served as a soldier in the Union army—E. H. Ward, —who became a member of the Third Iowa Infantry and now resides in Marion, Iowa. He veteranized, serving throughout nearly the entire period of hostilities, and was honorably discharged at the close.

John W. Ward spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and accompanied his parents to Iowa when in his twelfth year. He enlisted in September, 1861, as a member of Company H, Twelfth Iowa Infantry, with which he served for four years and four months. He was mustered out, January 22, 1866, at Davenport, and his military record is one of which he has every reason to be proud. In the winter of 1863 he was promoted to the rank of corporal and soon afterward was detailed to act as color guard, serv-

ing in that capacity until the close of hostilities in the summer of 1865. In the meantime he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He took part in the capture of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson and in the battle of Shiloh, where he was taken prisoner at the end of the first day's engagement, on the 6th of April, 1862. He was held as a prisoner of war for about six and a half months and was paroled while in Libby prison, after which he was sent to the Federal lines at City Point. He took part in the Vicksburg campaign, in the battle of Tupelo, which lasted for three days, and in the battle of Nashville and in the capture of Mobile. At Tupelo he was hit in the head by a bullet but was not seriously injured. He participated in many of the most hotly contested engagements of the war and there is no phase of army life with which he is not familiar.

When the war was over Mr. Ward rejoined his parents in Dubuque county and for one term was a student in Epworth Seminary. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed, and in the spring of 1870 he came to Burlington, where he has since been identified with building operations and all phases of carpenter work.

Mr. Ward has been married twice. In 1870, in Dubuque, he wedded Emerette Markle, who died in December, 1903, and in 1904 he was joined in wedlock to Mrs. Mary Raymond Cook, a widow with four daughters.

Mr. Ward is a republican in his political views and holds membership with the Grand Army of the Republic and in the First Methodist Episcopal church, connections which indicate his principles and the rules which govern his conduct. His life has been a busy and useful one and at all times has been upright and honorable, winning for him the confidence, goodwill and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOHN L. JONES.

The attractiveness of Des Moines county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of her native sons have remained within her borders, finding here good advantages and opportunities which have enabled them to win success in business life. Upon a farm on section 30, Yellow Springs township, which is still his home, John L. Jones was born March 19, 1862, a son of John R. and Gwen (Owen) Jones, both of whom were natives of North Wales, the

former born May 15, 1825, and the latter also in 1825. The father was reared in Wales and on leaving that country came direct to Iowa, arriving in 1845. In her native country the mother was married to John Hughes and they, too, arrived in Iowa about 1845. By her first marriage she had one child, Hannah S., now deceased. In 1848 she became the wife of John R. Jones and they took up their abode on the farm upon which their son John L. now resides, remaining thereon continuously until they retired from active life and removed to Mediapolis, where the mother passed away in 1894. The father survived for several years and died in 1901 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. C. E. Yohe, in Washington township. He was a poor man when he arrived in this county but possessed ambition and energy. He settled on eighty acres of land which he secured as a claim from the government and which constitutes a part of the farm upon which John L. Jones is now living. With characteristic energy the father began to break the sod and till the fields, and he improved his place, adding to it from time to time as his financial resources increased until he was the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land at the time of his death. He carried on general farming and stock-raising, and his place was well improved with modern equipments and accessories. In the family were seven children: Robert R. and William R., both now deceased; Sarah A., the wife of Thomas L. Jones, of Lebo, Kansas; Elizabeth Jane, the wife of J. C. E. Yohe, of Washington township; Mary Ellen, the deceased wife of G. H. Archer; John L.; and David O., who is living in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

John L. Jones has spent his entire life upon the farm which is now his home and in his youth had the usual experiences of the farm lad. He is today the owner of nearly a section of land, lacking but forty acres, all in Yellow Springs and Washington townships near the town of Roscoe. His place is known as the Maple Grove Stock Farm and he is extensively and successfully engaged in the breeding of pure Hereford cattle, keeping on hand from seventy-five to one hundred head. He also raises Duroc Jersey hogs and draft horses. He feeds all he raises on the place and he had one hundred and eighty acres in corn in 1914. He sows from forty to eighty acres of oats annually and, practicing the rotation of crops, he keeps his land in excellent condition. He has about eighty acres in hay and almost half of his farm is used as pasture land. His place is splendidly equipped according to the modern ideas of progressive farming. He has built two silos, has remodeled and added to the buildings erected by his father, and his farm now presents a very attractive appearance. In

addition to his agricultural interests he has been a director of the Citizens State Bank of Mediapolis since its organization.

In the spring of 1888 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Portlock, who was born in Pleasant Grove township in 1863, a daughter of D. L. and Elizabeth (Fleenor) Portlock. The father came to this county in 1836 from Indiana and both he and his wife passed away here. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born seven children: Ralph L.; Stanley, who died at the age of eleven months; Harry, who died at the age of three years; Laura, at home; Gertrude; Detlef; and Lewellyn.

Mr. Jones is a director of the Mediapolis Chautauqua and in politics he is a republican, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which have been so capably directed as to win him gratifying and substantial success. He is today one of the leading farmers and stock-raisers of the county and the Maple Grove Stock Farm is a property that anyone might covet.

CHARLES HENRY WALSH.

Charles Henry Walsh, a capitalist of Burlington, who through the period of his business career has been connected with public utilities, was born in Clinton, Iowa, March 3, 1871, a son of Anthony and Johanna (Carroll) Walsh. He was a student in the Clinton high school and in the State University of Iowa, and thus qualified by a liberal education for life's practical and responsible duties, entered at once into active identification with public utilities of the state and is prominently known in connection with railway interests, with banking and with the development of the coal fields of the state. Something of the extent of his present interests is indicated in the fact that he is secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Peoples Gas & Electric Company and of the Burlington Railway & Light Company, is treasurer of the Rock Island Southern Railway System and has other interests in railways, coal mines and banks. He is a director of the Burlington Savings Bank and of the West Burlington Bank and in his business affairs displays that keen judgment and recognition of possibilities that enables him to utilize each opportunity to its full extent and combine seemingly diverse elements into an adequate and harmonious whole.

On the 12th of October, 1910, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Walsh was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Agnes Maloney, a native of that city and a daughter of Patrick Henry and Ellen Maloney, of Chicago, Illinois. They have two children, Charles H., Jr., and Catherine Ellen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh hold membership in St. Paul's Roman Catholic church. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and he is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Elks, the Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen, the Moose, the United Workmen, and the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Golf Club of Burlington. With his family he occupies an attractive home at No. 1428 North Seventh street, commanding one of the finest views of the river to be had in Burlington.

WILLIAM McMONIGLE.

William McMonigle is a retired blacksmith living on Agency Road, where he owns a valuable tract of land of thirteen acres devoted to the raising of fruit and vegetables. As the years have gone on he has won a creditable measure of success, due entirely to his persistency of purpose, his well directed thrift and industry. He was born in Ireland in 1853, a son of James and Mary (Joyce) McMonigle, both of whom were natives of the Emerald isle but have now passed away. The father was a shoemaker by trade and in 1885 became a resident of Burlington, Iowa, where his last days were spent. His remains were interred in Aspen Grove cemetery, while his wife was buried in the old country, having died before he crossed the Atlantic to the new world. They had a family of nine children, those coming to America being: William; James, now living in Havelock, Nebraska; Robert, whose home is in West Burlington; and Mary, the wife of John Drum, also of West Burlington.

William McMonigle attended school in his native country during his early youth and afterward went to Scotland, where he remained for fifteen years, being engaged in mining in that country. In 1881 he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way direct to Burlington, and for a quarter of a century he was employed in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He has lived at the same place during the greater part of the long period of his residence in Iowa. While he worked in the

shops his sons conducted a fine truck farm, and thus the combined efforts of the family won for them a substantial measure of prosperity. Mr. McMonigle first purchased a cottage, but has added to it and made improvements until he has a very comfortable, commodious and attractive home and is now most pleasantly situated in life.

In 1881 Mr. McMonigle was married in Ireland to Miss Jennie Dunn, who was born in that country in 1854, a daughter of William and Jennie (Joyce) Dunn, who were natives of the Emerald isle and have now passed away. Their daughter, Miss Sarah Dunn, is now residing in Burlington, and three other sisters of Mrs. McMonigle remain in Ireland. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McMonigle was celebrated on Tuesday and on Friday they sailed for the new world. They have become the parents of seven children, all of whom were born in Burlington. William James, who was born February 20, 1882, married Miss Charlotte Copp in February, 1914. She is a graduate of the Burlington high school and of the Normal Training School, and was a most capable teacher in the public schools of Burlington prior to her marriage. They reside in a nice little home just west of his father's place, and William J. acts as manager of his father's truck farm. He is regarded as a most industrious, energetic and thoroughly reliable young business man and has the respect of all who know him. To him and his wife has been born a son, William, whose natal day was December 3, 1914. The second of the family is Robert John McMonigle, who was born June 23, 1883. In the railroad shops of Burlington he learned the tinner's trade and is now recognized as a most capable and skilled employe there. Samuel D., born May 10, 1886, follows farming in Des Moines county. Sarah Jane, who was formerly employed by the telephone company, is now at home with her parents. Anna May is employed in one of the mercantile establishments in Burlington. Thomas J., born November 4, 1894, is a machinist who learned his trade at the Murray Iron Works, where he is now employed. Martha Elizabeth is employed in the same store as her sister in Burlington.

Mr. McMonigle and his family are devoted members of the Episcopal church, although Mrs. McMonigle belongs to the Presbyterian church. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party where national questions are involved, but at local elections casts an independent ballot, supporting men and measures rather than party. He belongs to that class of men whom

we term self-made and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He has been blessed with good health, and his life has been one of industry and enterprise. He is today the owner of thirteen acres of very rich and productive land on the Agency Road, which is devoted to the production of vegetables and fruit, and the place returns to him a most gratifying annual income. In all of his business dealings he has been thoroughly reliable and has gained that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. He and his wife have reared a family who are a credit and honor to them, and wherever they are known the members of the household are held in high esteem. Mr. McMonigle has gained many friends during his residence in Burlington and he has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world.

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